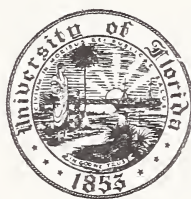



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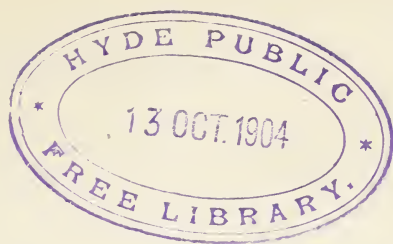
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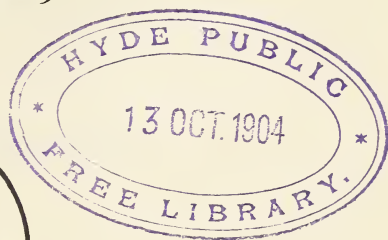
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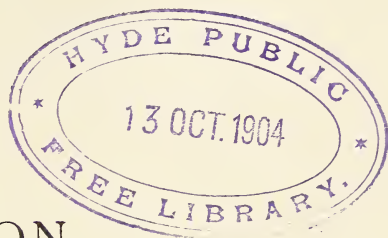
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CHAPTER I.

NEWTON LANE HAMLET.

THE hamlet of Newton Lane probably included all the dwellings bordering the road between Miles Platting and Dob Lane end. Originally this highway was little or no better than a single horse lane. (Higson *MS.*, p. 2). It was barely sufficient in width for one carriage to pass another (p. 80).

Mr. Higson adds that in 1862, between Monsal Lane and the entrance to [Slaters?] Copenhagen Gardens, there was a curious old house on the south-east or right hand side of the road. It had three gables, of which the centre one was lower than the others. Near the entrance to the Gardens there was a huge horsing block of four steps.

Beyond this in a field to the right, or south-east, and about 100 yards from the road was the part of the Heath where, on Sept. 15, 1798, Geo. Russell was hanged for robbing Mr. Shorrocks' bleach croft near Scotland Bridge, Manchester.

Three or four hundred yards further from Manchester, and on the left, or north-west side of the road, was a large brick building with five stately gables in front, those at the ends projecting more than the others. The windows had dripstones or hood mouldings, and each gable had a cross-shaped ornament of projecting brickwork. Formerly a fine old yew tree stood in the garden in front. This house was occupied in

1862 by Elijah Dixon, of the firm of Dixon, Nightingale & Co., whose extensive works for manufacturing chemical lights, matches, and pill boxes were contiguous. The rear of the house showed bits of timber-framing, the refronting having probably taken place about 1660. It is said that one of the lower rooms used to be wainscotted. A piece of oak panelling, painted over, was used to cover a passage between the dormitories and was said to have come from the old Chapel at Newton which tumbled down in 1808. There were also floral and ornamental devices, and a carving of four human profiles with Tudoresque draperies. One of these was concealed by the framework but the other two were of females, possibly portraits, and the fourth was an ecclesiastic with short cropped or curly hair.

In a bed-room adjacent, were some fine old cupboards of black oak, probably as old as the house.

This was long known as Clough's. (See Clough's, *ante*.)

The Manchester Collegiate Church Registers record :— January 31, 1640-1, Richd. s. to Robt., and Dec. 30, 1636, John s. of John Cloughe of N., bapt. (Higson *Day's Archaeol. Stroll*, March, 1862.)

In the History of the Failsworth Industrial Society, Limited, 1859-1893 (published in Dec., 1899), it is stated on p. 3 that the house was formerly the residence of some of the highest dignitaries of the Manchester Collegiate Church, who owned it, and that the Match Works were almost hidden behind the trees of a pretty orchard.

NEWTON HEATH.

IN the vernacular, the Heath is generally called "Newton Yeth." (Higson *MS.*, p. 2.)

In 1802 an Act of Parliament was obtained (No. 306, 42 Geo. III., Royal Assent, June 22), for dividing, allotting and enclosing the Common or Waste in the Manor of Newton. The area was then estimated at 140 acres (the Commissioner found that



there were 148a. 1r. 17p.), and the Act recognizes the Warden and Fellows of the Collegiate Church as "Lords of the said Manor of Newton," and states that they were "siesed of the soil of the said Common or Waste, with the mines or minerals in and under the same." The Act further recites that the Warden and Fellows, and Robert Keymer, Esq., John Nash, and John Thorpe, and other persons, owners of lands, &c., within the Manor, were entitled to right of common upon the said Common or Waste and desired it to be allotted, and Matthew Fletcher of Clifton, near Manchester, Esq., was appointed Commissioner for that purpose.

The Act provides that, after public carriage roads, common drains, sewers and water courses, and other public conveniences had been set out, the Commissioner was to allot to the overseers of the Poor of Newton, a plot containing by estimation three acres as already staked out,¹ bounded on the north by the Rochdale Canal; on the east by the high road to Droylsden, out of the high road from Manchester to Oldham; on the south by the garden of Newton School; and on the west by the foot pavement leading to Newton Chapel, and such other plot or plots as he deemed equivalent to one eighth of the residue of the said Common.

The Commissioner was also to allot to Elizth. Lowe, widow, and Thos. Halstead, gent., trustees and executors of the Will of John Lowe, such plot or plots as he deemed equivalent to one eighth of the residue upon the trusts of his Will as compensation for the expense of procuring the Act under an Agreement which Lowe entered into in his lifetime.

The Warden and Fellows were to have an allotment of one-half the residue in satisfaction of rights of soil and rights of common over the whole, and in compensation for tithes over the part allotted to the overseers.

¹ The portion allotted to the poor brings in a considerable sum annually in aid of the Poor Rate. (D. Jackson of Newton Heath, in *Manch. Cour. Local Gleanings*, vol. 1, p. 37.)

The rest was to be allotted amongst the persons who had rights of common in proportion to their rights.

Under the Act a meeting was held on July 22, 1802, at John Whitehead's house, called The Shears, and Ralph Fletcher of Bolton was appointed the Commissioner in place of Matthew Fletcher, who declined to act, and Ralph Fletcher was duly sworn in by Adam Fletcher, J.P. At the Commissioner's first meeting at The Shears, on Sept. 27, 1802, Ann Clough of Newton, spinster, Robt. Holt of Heywood, gent., and Edmund Taylor of Manchester, yeoman, lodged their claims, but at the third sitting they were all disallowed, John Nash objecting to Holt's, and the Warden and Fellows objecting to the two others.

The public roads awarded by the Commissioner contained 21a. or. 10p., and were Oldham Road from Miles Platting to Dob Lane, to be made sixty feet wide; Moston Highway from the east end of Watch House on the Turnpike Road to Dane Lane, and to be thirty feet wide; Chapel Highway from the Watch House to the Droylsden Highway, and to be thirty-one feet wide; and the Droylsden Highway from the Guide Post on the Turnpike Road, passing near the Chapel to Graver Lane at the south-east extremity of the Waste, and to be thirty-six feet wide.

Forty-one private ways or occupation roads, of various widths, were also prescribed, to give access from the old but newly-defined and widened highroads to the adjacent properties.

The Allotment Map, dated March 20, 1804, made by Ralph Fletcher, affords much interesting information. It shows that the Common chiefly comprised the area beginning at the Fails-worth Township boundary on the east, and following the south side of the "Turnpike Road" westwardly, past "Droylsden Highway" and "Chapel Highway," as far as a lane or road leading to a place marked "Mitchell's" (a triangular portion continued west of that lane), and from Mitchell's turning first east and then south alongside of "Priest Fields" to Back Lane Road, at a point about half-way between "Chapel Highway"

and "Crown Point," and from Crown Point running south-eastwardly to "Scutch Buttock," where it turned at right angles and ran in a fairly straight line eastwardly to and across "Culcheth Road" and so forward, past "Robinson's Cottages" and "J. Tetlow's" buildings, and then past a long row of cottages to "Graver Lane," where it turned northwards past "Wood's" and across "Flash Ditch," and then along the north side of James Green's Barn Field and Great Meadow to the Failsworth boundary at "James Tetlow's Field," a little south-east of "Walker's Cottages," and so followed the Failsworth boundary north-eastwardly, past "Stott's," and across the canal, and then passing "Isaac Brindle's" and "Mr. Hobson's" in Failsworth, to the Turnpike Road.

Besides this solid block of Common Land to the south of Oldham Road, with the Chapel standing nearly in the centre of it, there were considerable strips on each side of the Turnpike Road, giving it more the appearance, from hedge to hedge, of the present wide portions of Oldham Road from New Cross to Miles Platting, though this is quite consistent with the tradition that the cart track was a very narrow one, and the Court Rolls support this by the presentment of the jury for the widening of the Cawsey or metalled part of the road at the Court held in April, 1683.

This Allotment Map of 1804 is a useful adjunct to Johnson's Map of 1820, and as it is on too large a scale, viz., eighty-eight yards to the inch, for reproduction, a verbal description must suffice.

Beginning at Miles Platting, a large Z shaped building stood on the left hand or north side of the road, as is also very clearly shown in Green's Map of Manchester, surveyed in 1787, which also shows that it and the garden adjoining to the north-east end of the building had been at some time filched from the waste. The Allotment Map shows this waste strip continuing to Whitworth Hall Lane, and forwards along the northern side of Oldham Road until about 100 yards west of Ten Acre Lane,

and then beginning again and getting wider and wider as it approached Warden House, but from there to the Failsworth boundary it was considerably less in width.

The Allotment Map does not indicate at Miles Platting the pool shown by Green on the north side of Oldham Road, about a third of the length from Miles Platting towards Whitworth Hall Lane, but marks the land adjoining the waste strip as farmed by "Philip Houghton," and the part on the west side of "Whitworth Hall Lane" as Joseph Cadwell's.

The right hand or southerly side of this section of the Turnpike Road agrees with Green's Map and indicates three buildings, the first called "Mile Stone," second Mr. Foote's, and the third without any name, but the land adjacent is marked "part of Hulme Hall Farm."

Whitworth Hall Lane is shewn as a narrow track with more waste on its east side than on its west side, and Hulme Hall Lane was slightly narrower, and the land bordering Oldham Road from Hulme Hall Lane to White Gates is marked "Philip Houghton," while the land to the east of Whitworth Hall Lane is marked for the first field "Philip Houghton," the second "Joseph Cadwell," and then "John Chorlton," up to Holt Lane. From Holt Lane to "Kemp's" the land was marked "Philip Houghton," and about as far again as Kemp's "Roade's farm" is marked, and at a similar distance to the east "Jas. Keen," and half as far again "R. Whitehead."

On the southerly side of the Main Road, after the "White Gates" building, and beyond "Slater's Lane" there are two buildings marked "Monkey Houses," and just beyond them and opposite "Kemp's," are two buildings joined together marked "Cross Keys," and then a small cottage marked "J. Roades." From Hulme Hall Lane to White Gates there was a fairly broad strip of waste; and a narrow strip ran down the westerly side of the opening into Slater's Lane, and a triangular piece was at the easterly corner. From J. Roades' cottage to "Ten Acre Gate and Lane" there was another strip, and from Ten

Acre Lane to "Shears Inn" none, but beyond Shears Inn up to the lane leading down to "Mitchell's" farmstead, there was a piece widening as it went and containing about four and a half acres.

About a third of the distance from Ten Acre Lane to Shears Inn stood "Three Crowns," and the land behind Shears Inn was apparently occupied by R. Westhead, and beyond that was "part of Mitchell's farm."

On the northerly side and a little way off the Turnpike Road, midway between Three Crowns and Shears Inn, was "Mr. Thorp's Estate," containing altogether 16a. 2r. 35p., and comprising Paddock Fold and Garden, Croft to the north, Great Meadow north-west, Little Meadow, north of Croft, three Stoney Fields west of Little Meadow, and Milking Field and Wood extending northwardly down to the Moston Brook.

From Thorp's farmstead to Warden House was the farm of that name, and a cottage marked "Ratcliff's," which apparently trespassed on the waste, and was approached by a road over the waste, while Warden House was approached by another road across it, starting from Dean Lane otherwise "Moston Highway."

In the middle of the north side section of Oldham Road, between Moston Highway and Droylsden Highway was "Miss Clough's," and midway on the north side between Droylsden Highway and Failsworth boundary was a large building marked "Hillock, Wm. Wood." This, and part of the more easterly of Miss Clough's buildings seem to have been at some time encroachments on the waste.

The Allotment Map further shows the "School" to the south, wedged in between the Chapel Highway and Droylsden Highway, with the "Poor House" to the north of the School, in the centre of the block of land bounded by those roads and the canal; the Chapel is shown south of a short lane, and a detached building seemingly in the chapel-yard stood south of the Chapel, and a garden on the south side of this building extended half-way

from "Culcheth Lane" towards Droylsden Highway, and the rest of the space up to Droylsden Highway was allotted to the Curate.

Besides the actual Common and waste lands the map also indicates the various "Estates" in Newton not belonging to the "Warden and Fellows of the Old Church." These were "Monsall Estate" belonging to Miss Fanny Harding, containing 17a. 3r. 7p., and comprising house, fold and gardens, with Long Croft to the south-east, Great Meadow to the east, Little Meadow north-east, and three Brows north and west, and extending down to Moston Brook.

"James Green Esq.'s Estate" was on the east side of Graver Lane, and south of the Common. It contained 36a. 1r. 29p. The farmstead is marked "Wood's," and was flanked on the east by Two Barn Fields, between which and Failsworth boundary were Great and Little Meadow, to the south of the latter was a Croft, and between it and Graver Lane "Kiln Field," south of the croft adjoining Failsworth was Bank Field, and between Bank Field and Graver Lane was Horse Field. Sparth Meadow formed part of the estate, and ran south-westwardly from Graver Lane opposite Kiln Field.

Part of Edward Greaves Esq.'s Estate was on the south of Mr. Green's, and was in the occupation of Betty Goodier. It contained 14a. 1r. 22p., comprising on the north, next to Graver Lane, "Meadow," and to the east of Meadow "Clough Field," with a wood between that and the Township boundary. South of Meadow and Clough Field was a long narrow one called First Field, south of that Middle Field, and south again Furthest Field, behind a fold of buildings next Graver Lane. On the west side of Graver Lane, opposite the fields already named, was the Croft, with house, barn, and garden alongside the Lane at the northerly end of the field.

John Nash's Estate lay south of Mr. Greaves, filling up the rest of Newton Township east of Graver Lane. It contained 19a. 0r. 25p. Rough Bank and Wood ran northwards between



Places.

Green's Estate and the Township boundary, and "Bank" was a strip of Woodland along the east side of Berry Lane with "Hartshead Garden" opposite in the bend of the lane, and Berry Brow Meadow north-east of Hartshead Garden; Nearer and Further Hartshead east and north-east; Higher Meadow between the latter and the lane leading to Mill Houses; Eye on the south-east of that lane and on both sides of the Medlock; Bridge Eye next the bridge, Garden and Waste, Sparth and Little Meadow, completing the estate.

Another part of Edward Greaves' Estate, in the occupation of James Tetlow, lay south of the Common between Culcheth Road and Graver Lane. It contained 19a. 2r. 37p., and comprised Parson's Meadow along the east side of Culcheth Road, with Great Field north, and Round Acre south, flanking Parson's Meadow, and being flanked in turn by Kitchen Meadow on north, and New Meadow on south. The House, Fold and Garden, were north of Kitchen Meadow, which was flanked eastwardly by Hollow Meadow. Andrew Meadow was detached from the rest and lay beyond Green's Sparth Meadow.

Edward Keymer Esq.'s Estate filled in the rest of Culcheth. It contained 71a. 3r. 20p., and began at "Scutch Buttock," adjoining the Common. "Heath Field" lay on the west side of Culcheth Road, and Birch Croft south of Heath Field and north of Culcheth Hall.

Snail Horn Croft lay between the Hall and Medlock, and perpetuates the field name Snail's Hill which occurs in the Leases of the College Land, which adjoined on the west side of Snail Horn Croft.

Factory Field lay east of the Hall, with Fishpond Croft on the north, Square Field on the east, High Field on the south, and Mellor's Field on the south-east of High Field, and Clough and Clough Field to the north of Mellor's Field.

Newton Heath and Encroachments on it are frequently

mentioned on the Court Rolls, and in Leases of the Land belonging to the College.

Its name is also perpetuated in the titles Heath Hall, Heath Cotton Mill, Heath Green, Heath Side, etc., besides the usual name for the Township at large.

About 1770 Mr. Worthington of Werneth Hall, Oldham, was dragged from his horse one night on a lonely part of the Heath, and was robbed and murdered (Waugh's *Roads out of Manch.* p. 366). There used to be a Watch House at the corner of Moston Highway, otherwise Dean Lane.

On Sept. 14, 1708, John Jackson of Manchester, shoemaker, became lessee of a cottage, garden, and stable, on the *Common called Newton Heath*, built by James Jackson, tailor, decd., and lately held by James and Mary, his wife; rent 1s. The lease was renewed to him in Sept., 1715, 1729, and April, 1739, and July, 1746, when the term was twenty-one years and rent 1s. 10d. James Jackson of Manchester, shoemaker, renewed in August, 1756, and his brother John of Manchester, silk weaver, and Thos. Ashley of Manchester, linnen dyer, further renewed in August, 1763. Thos. Shepley the elder of Newton, weaver, took the lease in August, 1778, at 2s. 6d. rent.

Mr. Higson in his *MS.*, p. 67, notes Thumper's-o'th'-Heath side [about 1755] belonging to Edward Greaves, Esq., and Cleg's Heath side, and states that both were at Millhouses.

By an undated deed (about 1310), Thos. Grelle, son of Sir Robert Grelle, lord of Manchester, gave to his beloved servant, Richd. de Bowdon, three tofts and all the pasture in Thomas Grelle's manor of Mamecastre, namely in *Mamecastre hethe* and in Colihurst. This Heath, Mr. Harland conjectures, was Newton Heath. (*Mamecastre*, vol. II., Chet. Soc. lvi., p. 248 *n.*)

In 1473, May 1, Ralph Kenion of Newton, held one new approvement, that is an enclosure from the waste, in Newton, at the Will of the Lord of Manchester [cf. Kenyon Lane].

This Heath was used within memory, says Mr. Higson, as a race-course for horses at the Wakes.¹

It was to the Heath that George Russel, an Irishman, was brought to be hanged on Sept. 15, 1798. Russel is alleged to have been interred at Blackley Chapel the same day. This event is referred to by Elijah Ridings, thus :—

Aw'r gooin' by th' docthur's shop
 Ut top o' Newton Yeth ;
 Un theer aw gan a sudden stop,
 Un begun t'be feort o' death.

* * * *

Aw thowt aw seed the gallows tree,
 Wheer th' yarn-croft thief were swung ;
 Un 'ot Owd Nick were takkin' me
 Un theer he'd ha' me hung.

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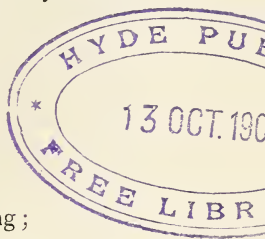
Mrs. Simister of Droylsden remembered the scene, and described to Mr. Higson the huge crowd and the military riding about to keep order, and one or two vendors of Banbury [Eccles?] cakes plying their vocation. Bamford's *Life of a Radical* also gives a graphic account of the procession to the place of execution.

It was also on Newton Heath that the rioters assembled, in 1757, previous to their destruction of Clayton Mill, and other seditious proceedings in Manchester.

NEWTON HEATH BREWERY.

NEWTON HEATH BREWERY is situate in Monsal Lane. It must not be confused with Heath Brewery, which was a mile to the north-east from there. Since 1894 the former has been the property of Henry Chas. Wilson & Co., Ltd., better known as Wilson's Brewery Ltd., the business having been up to that date carried on by the Trustees of the Will of Henry Chas.

¹ The *Manchester Mercury* for August 9, 1790, contained a notice that a meeting would be held in the School-room at Newton, on Wednesday then next at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to prevent horse racing being run at Newton Heath ; at which meeting all persons having common right that were disposed to prevent them were desired to attend.



Fenwick Wilson, and before that by Mr. H. C. F. Wilson and his son, Mr. Hubert Malcolm Wilson.

The old Brewery was on the west side of Monsal Lane, and had previously been used as a glue manufactory by David Waddington, who was a Quaker, and paid his rent to Massey and Yates, who held under the Manchester College.

About 1834 John Collinson and George Simpson took over the lease, and converted the premises into a small brewery. The height of Mr. Simpson's ambition at that time was to brew five barrels of ale a week.

The new Brewery was built about 1858 on the east side of Monsal Lane, by Collinson and Simpson. The Brewery was originally started outside the Manchester Township, to avoid the necessity of sending the malt to be ground at the mill near the Grammar School.

The Chapel Rate Book in 1837¹ shows that Messrs. Collinson & Simpson were assessed at £45, as occupiers, and Yates & Massey as owners.

In 1846 the Tithe Map Schedule states that John Yates and another were the lessees under the Dean and Canons, and the occupants were John Collinson and Geo. Simpson, who are styled ale and porter brewers in Slater's *Manchester Directory* for 1845. They were Quakers. (Slugg's *Reminiscences*, p. 185.) Mr. Simpson died in 1862.

Mr. Simpson's sons, Joseph and George, carried on the business in Monsal Lane from 1862 till 1865, when Mr. H. C. F. Wilson² in partnership with Mr. Wm. Philpot, bought the

¹ The Chapel Rate Book for 1818 enters Arthur Holt as owner and occupier of a "Mill and Brewery," assessed at £20. This however, was in Church Street, near the Duke of York and the canal, and was also called Beswick Brewery. Collinson and Simpson rented it for a short time about 1847.

² Mr. Wilson was not related to Mr. George Wilson, who was born at Hathersage, co. Derby, but had starch works at Newton, and who was an ardent Reformer, Chairman of the Anti-Corn Law League, and afterwards Chairman of the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway. He died suddenly in a railway carriage on the way to Liverpool, Dec. 29, 1870, and was buried at Ardwick Cemetery. (Axon's *Manch. Annals*, p. 325.) Mr. H. C. F. Wilson's family went to America about 1840.



Brewery, and two or three years later Mr. Philpot lost his life through hydrophobia.

Mr. Wilson's son, Hubert Malcolm Wilson, is Chairman of the Directors of this prosperous Company, and lives at The Hermitage, Holmes Chapel, Cheshire. Mr. George Simpson, the son, lives at Hazlebrown near Derby.

HEATH HALL AND HEATH COTTON MILL.

THESE stood in 1820 to the south of Oldham Road near the Failsworth boundary, and Mr. Higson refers his readers, p. 698, to an article entitled "Our Day Out." For further information see *ante*, vol. 1, p. 226.

OGDEN'S.

ON March 3, 1563-4, the Warden and Fellows of Manchester Collegiate Church had leased to Nicholas Byron, Anthony Byron, and Jas. Costerdyne, a messuage in Newton held by Margaret Ogden, widow.

On Nov. 27, 1750, John Lugg of Gainsboro', gent., the surviving trustee of the Will of John Taylor of Sutton, co. Notts., clerk, with Richard only son of John Taylor, and Jane (only daughter of John Taylor), wife of Geo. Wilberfoss of Gainsboro', merchant, demised to Edwd. Beswick of Kirkmanshulme, yeoman, the cottage and croft called *Ogden's* in Newton, then in the tenure of Edwd. Beswick. (See further particulars in the Kirkmanshulme section.)

PENDLETON'S.

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THIS is mentioned in the Newton Court Rolls in 1596.

In July, 1681, Thos. Alston of Felstead, Essex, gent., became lessee of *Pendleton's Tenement* [in Newton], lately held by Nicholas Ryder. In October, 1685, Nicholas Ryder of Newton, husbandman, renewed the lease including Round Meadow, Highest and Middle Fields, Great Meadow, Little Long Meadow, Clough Heyes, two Barne Fields, and two House or Horse Fields, contents 24a. 2r. op.; rent 16s., and carting a load of coals. He renewed in Dec., 1692, 1699 and 1713.

On Dec. 18, 1728, Samuel Sandiford of Newton, yeoman, became lessee at 16s. and carting a load of coal, and he renewed in January, 1748, the contents being stated to be fourteen acres, but in June, 1758, Nathaniel Adkinson¹ of Newton, whitster, renewed it, and at once obtained leave to mortgage it to James Whittaker of Manchester.

In June, 1765, Nathaniel Adkinson of Shaw Heath within Stockport, husbandman, renewed at 32s. 6d., and on August 6, 1768, he obtained leave to assign to Thos. Cooper of Droylsden, hatter or felt maker, who renewed on June 13, 1772.

On June 13, 1772, the lease was renewed by Thos. Cooper of Openshaw, hatter.

PINFOLD.

THIS was near the National School at the corner of Grimshaw Lane, which is called Slater's Lane on Johnson's Map in 1820. In April, 1687, it was out of repair, and the Court Baron ordered the Constables to lay a rate for its repair.

Mr. Higson states that about 1760 John Lingard was apparently the Newton pinder. (Higson *MS.*, pp. 59, 65.)

In 1862 it was composed of about eleven stumps and four heights of iron rails, and by 1880 it had disappeared. (Waugh's *Roads out of Manch., Manch. Weekly Times* Supplement, p. 366.)

PLATTING HOUSE.

PLATTING HOUSE is on the south-easterly side of Newton Lane, otherwise Oldham Road, and is probably the same as

¹ On August 24, 1732, at Manchester Collegiate Church, Nathaniel Adkinson married Sarah Lees, who was born in 1705, and died July 4, 1786, and was buried at St. Peter's, Stockport. He lived at Shaw Heath.

Their son Daniel, was born in 1734, and on October 22, 1758, married Pegey (Margt.) Knowls at Manchester Collegiate Church. He lived at Adswood, and died in March, 1814, and was buried at St. Peter's, Stockport, where his wife who was born in 1738, was buried in January, 1783. Their son, Nathaniel (junr.), was born in 1762, and died in January, 1787, and their daughter Pegey was born in 1769, and died in March, 1790, and both were buried at St. Peter's.

Sarah, daughter of Nathaniel (senr.) and Sarah, was born in 1743, and died in August, 1773, and was buried at St. Peter's.

Newton Lane House, in right of which, in 1755, Mr. Joseph Holt occupied a seat in Newton Chapel. (Higson *MS.*, p. 64.)

POOR LAND.

THE Poor Land is more particularly dealt with under the head of Newton Heath (*ante*, p. 3).

In 1835 John Taylor bought Leng's Land on the east of Droylsden Road, adjoining the south side of the Poor Land, containing 2,720 and 880 yards.

John Taylor also bought from John Hobson 552 yards of land on Oldham Road, where Flash Ditch touches the road, where the Township boundary crosses the road.

SAM RAVALD'S.

IN 1755 the sittings in Newton Chapel included one for this place, which seems to have been also called Siddell's, and belonged to Edward Greaves, Esq., and was occupied by Samuel Ravald. (Higson *MS.*, p. 67.)

SCHOOL.

MR. HIGSON in his *MS.*, pp. 21-3, gives the following account of Newton School :—

The Trust Deed in 1821 states that "From time immemorial there hath existed a School near Newton Chapel for the education of poor children belonging to the Chapelry of Newton, with a garden adjoining at the back."

In 1717 Bishop Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis* (vol. 2, part I., Chet. Soc., vol. xix, p. 91), records "a School, by whom built not known ; nothing belongs to it but the interest of £20, given to it by John Gilliam¹ for teaching four poor children." Canon Raines, editor of the *Notitia*, remarks that it is mentioned as "the new School lately erected near Newton Chapel," in an Indenture

¹ Hollinworth mentions Gilliam of Newton in his list of gentry in Manchester and the neighbourhood. John Gilliam of Newton, married Jane Percival, daughter of Thos. Percival of Royton. (D. Jackson of Newton Heath, in *Manchester Courier Local Gleanings*, vol. 1, p. 53. See also *ante*, vol. 1, p. 153.)

dated Dec. 19, 1689, but even that does not seem to point to the erection of a first school, which probably originated by public subscription, for in 1679 the Register records the burial of James Hulme of Newton, school-master. He was buried in the chapel-yard, where a gravestone, bearing an inscription in Greek probably composed by himself, covers his remains (*ante*, vol. I, p. 231).

On Sept. 4, 1679, Heywood records in his Dairy (vol. ii., p. 169), Mr. Hulme, a school-master at Newton Heath, was teaching his scholars when he fell down and died suddenly. He was a notable school-master, but aged about 70.

The Northowram Register, p. 74, notes :—Mr. Hulme, school-master at Newton Heath, died suddenly 4 Sept., 1679, aged 70.

John Gilliam of Newton, gent., by the deed of 1689, conveyed to Ralph Worsley and others as Trustees, a sum of £20, which was given by the Will of Elizabeth Chetham, the profits of which were to be disposed of for the religious education of poor children in the Townships of Moston and Newton until they could read the English Bible and no longer. The £20 still remains, says Mr. Higson, in the hands of Trustees, and is probably the benefaction already mentioned.

By his Will dated Sept. 15, 1763, the Rev. Wm. Purnell, incumbent of Newton, endowed the School with £200, for the purpose of instructing in reading, writing, and accounts, fifteen poor boys and girls living in the Chapelry of Newton (Higson, p. 22).

On January 30, 1735, Mr. Richard Rowlinson of Newton, School^{mr}, and Mary Jackson of Newton, were married at Gorton Chapel, but it is not quite clear whether they were of Newton Heath or Newton Moor near Hyde. The Wills at Chester show that there were Rowlinsons of Newton, co. Lanc., in 1643 and 1647, and Rollinsons of Newton in 1680, 1682, and 1689.

The Registers at Newton Heath record :—

1685, Apr. 8, John, son of Saml. Mattley of Failsworth, bapt.
1694, ... — daughter of Saml. Mattley of Openshaw, bapt.
1698, Oct. 8, John y^e son of Mr. Mattley, school-master, buried.

About 1817 Mr. Joseph Fletcher was the school-master.

In 1852 James W. Worthington was school-master, with 120 scholars beside fifteen charity scholars. (Fielding's *Rural Gleanings*, p. 319.)

On Sept. 7, 1773, Harrop's *Manchester Mercury* contained the following announcement :—

For the Benefit of Newton School, on Wednesday, the 22nd day of Sept. inst., will be performed in Newton Chapel, the sacred Oratorio of

THE MESSIAH,

By a numerous Band of the most eminent Performers from Manchester and the neighbouring Choirs. The Choruses will be as full as possible, and the whole to be conducted by *Mr. Wainwright* (note, he is the popular *Dr. Wainwright*, organist of the Manchester Collegiate Church).

A Scaffold will be erected for the principal performers, the better to accomodate the ladies and gentlemen, who please to give their attendance.

The doors will be opened at ten o'clock, and the Performance to begin exactly at eleven.

N.B. No pains will be spared to render the Performance as complete as possible. Books of Oratorio to be had at the doors at three pence each. Gallery tickets 2s, Bottom of the Chapel 1s. each.

The old School at Newton was become so very ruinous, and so much out of repair as greatly to endanger the children's health, if not their lives. Accordingly a subscription was opened and a new School rebuilt, but the subscription fell considerably short, and some of the bills yet unpaid. It is humbly requested that the ladies and gentlemen in and about Manchester in general, and the neighbourhood of Newton in particular, will exert themselves upon this charitable occasion, in order to free the said School from so disagreeable a debt, as they may be assured not a single shilling will be applied to any private Purpose whatsoever.

Tickets to be had at Fletcher's Tavern ; at Mr. Yates's ; at the Blue Boar ; at Mr. Hodgkinson's the Royal Oak ; and at J. Harrop, printer, in Manchester ; and at all the Public Houses in Newton and Failsworth.

The old School was built of brick and adjoined the Chapel on the north side. It fell into decay and became unfit for use. It was therefore rebuilt on the other side of the highway, north of the Chapel.

While the new School was being built on this part of the common or waste land, the Church was used for the School.

In 1821 the Draft Trust Deed¹ recorded that the School had then lately been raised higher, and enlarged and improved by subscription, and the Rev. Thomas Gaskell, perpetual curate, with the church-warden and overseers of Newton, with the sanction of the ley payers, vested the School in Trustees, to be conducted on Church principles, stipulating that the Sunday School which had been established by subscription in the Chapelry of Newton should be permitted to occupy the School on Sundays and on certain week-day evenings, in order that writing and accounts might be taught.

The hearse house which adjoined the School, was reserved for the Trustees appointed for the re-erection of Newton Chapel, who had built it.

In a blank window space of one of three cottages, adjoining the easterly end of the School, there is an inscription which reads "These houses were erected by a legacy from Mr. Thomas Todd, late of Culcheth, for the support of the Newton Sunday School, 1826." Two of the cottages front Droylsden Road [otherwise Graver Lane].

In 1854, as the School had become inadequate for the requirements of the neighbourhood, it was rebuilt by public subscription.

This new School, Mr. Higson says, is a spacious and handsome brick erection in the Tudor style of architecture. The front elevation contains a row of eight windows. It is divided into two storeys by a row of stone labels, five in number, inscribed "All Saints' Church Day and Sunday Schools." The

¹ It was settled by Counsel, E. J. Lloyd on March 13, 1821, and the parties were the Rev. Thos. Gaskell as perpetual curate, Jas. Hough of Newton, bleacher, as chapel-warden for Newton, Ashton Shepley of Newton, gent., and Joseph Grimshaw of Newton, farmer, as overseers of the poor of Newton, and Saml. Barker of Manchester, Esq., Thos. Todd of Newton, merchant, and Sebastian Nash of Failsworth, merchant, as trustees.

uniformity and straightness of line is pleasantly broken by three roof gables and by stone casings, string-course, mullions, and transoms. The entrance and master's residence are at the west end and a little recessed. They bear a stone shield label inscribed "Erected 1854." The School, Mr. Higson adds, is well fitted up and possesses all the appliances of the modern system of education.

Bishop Gastrell's *Notitia Cestriensis* in 1817 notices "another School founded by Mr. Gascall (Gaskell), who gave £4 per annum for teaching twenty poor children to read in the Bible, but how long the charity is to continue is not known." Canon Raines, as editor, notes that the School is no longer in existence, and that the benefactor was, doubtless, Nathaniel Gaskell, gent., a pious, wealthy, and liberal Presbyterian, who, by Will dated Nov. 12, 1716, says "My executors shall pay unto the school-masters whom I have employed for some time to teach poor children, their quarteridge at Christmas next, viz. :—20s. apiece, and pay for books, and likewise Lady Day Quarter, 1717, but no longer." By a codicil dated Nov. 15, 1716, he provided "that mine executors shall continue the quarterly payments to the several schools, whereto I have formerly and hitherto contributed, during the space of three years from Christmas next after my death, in such proportion as I have heretofore paid. (Raines' *MSS.*, vol. xxxi.)

Mr. Gaskell was ancestor of the Earl of Powis and the Baroness Sempill. Elizabeth, his third daughter, married Daniel Bayley of Manchester, whose only daughter died a minor, and the whole of the Gaskell Estates then descended to Lady Sempill and Lady Clive in fee (Higson *MS.* See also *ante*, vol. 1, p. 222).

SCOTLAND.

SCOT may refer to a tax of old times. (Anglo-Saxon *Scot*, English *shot*, payment; *sceat*, tribute). There was also Scotland Bridge in Manchester, and a Gavel Field there which may also

have reference to Anglo-Saxon *gafel*, tribute, and in Rusholme Guildhouse (now Heald House) where the Anglo-Saxon *geldan*, to pay, *geld*, compensation, may have originated the name. These local names may refer to some ancient impost connected with the Church at Manchester. In the *History of Parish Registers*, p. 155, it is noted that at North Mundham in Essex, a *land scot* or rate on land was levied for the church there in 1633.

In recent years the word Scotland has been corrupted into Stotland.

On October 6, 1574, Warden Herle, Oliver Carter, preacher, Robt. Barber and Thos. Rydson were bound in ten pounds to John Whitworth of Newton, husbandman, that Whitworth might peaceably enjoy the Collegiate lands within Clayton Park in the Manor of Newton, called *Scotland Crofte*, leased to Sir John Byron by Warden Collier and the Fellows, for fifty years by Deed dated 12 Nov., 24 H. viii.

These lands were sold by the Byrons to Humphrey Chetham, Esq., but Burdett who purchased from the Parliament the Collegiate Church lands, disputed the title and began proceedings for their recovery in 1653. The title of the College to the eight acres seems to have been clear, but they were lost. (See also Travises and Whitworth Hall, *post*.)

Mr. Higson in his *MS.*, p. 47, states that Scotland Hall is apparently referred to in one of the Charters of Manchester Collegiate Church.

On Sept. 4, 1641, Benjamin, son to Robert Bowker of Scotland in Newton, was baptised at the Collegiate Church.

On Sept. 6, 1653, Robert Bowker of Scotland in Newton, was buried at Manchester, and on Feb. 12, 1651-2, Susan, wife to Robert Bowker, of Scotland in Newton, was also buried there. The Bowker family are noticed *ante*, vol. 1, pp. 198-9.

On Feb. 2, 1660-1, Edward Wroe of Scotland in Newton, yeom., was buried there, and on March 2 following, his wife, Elizabeth.

On June 24, 1713, Hannah, daughter of John Scoles of Scotland, was baptised at Dob Lane Chapel, Failsworth.



In 1755 Scotland Hall was in lease to Mr. Clive and Ed. Greaves, and was so in 1760 when it was occupied by John Ratcliff.

The farm contained sixty-four statute acres.

Until within a few years before Mr. Higson wrote his account, one of the front gables contained a somewhat picturesque display of half-timbered work, and bore a considerable resemblance to the front of Booth Fold Farm-house in Failsworth. A brick front was inserted, but the back still displayed some beams of timber and the stone foundation.

The front had four gables, the two larger central than those flanking them. There were two curious oval loop-holes, one in the centre of a gable, and the other under the ridge between the divisions of the first and second gables to the north-east. One somewhat similar is in Hough End Hall, Withington [which was built about 1596].

The entrance door was studded with large-headed nails, and was slightly recessed.

It was from the Scotland Fold Oak by the roadside leading to Culcheth Hall, that, according to tradition, a Newton volunteer, named either Barlow *alias* Bradshaw or Walters, otherwise Staunch Robin, of Scutch Buttock Cottage, in 1745 shot one of the Pretender's Scotch Scouts who had been visiting Booth Fold and Baguley Fold (Jo. Miller in *All Saints' Parish Magazine*, March, 1874).

SIDDALL FIELDS.

THESE four closes containing twelve acres formed part of the premises which in March, 1709-10, were taken in lease by James Holland (see Hulme Hall), and prior to March, 1688-9, they had been held by James Holland, decd., and Martha Holland [his wife probably], and afterwards were occupied by her and by James, son of James (See Brown's; also Barlowe's, *ante*, and Index to vol. 1).

SMITH'S OR HOLEBOTTOM.

BY her Will dated July 12, 1523, Isabell Chetham, widow of

Robert Chetham, gave to Sir Hugh Marler, priest, all the term title and interest that she had in all such tacks (leaseholds) as she had by lease for term of year or otherwise, that is to say in Newton, in the parish of Newton, Levenshulme and Mamchester, to the intent that he should pray for her soul, and do other charitable deeds after his discretion. (*Lancashire Chuntries*, Chet. Soc., vol. lix., p 43 *n.*)

In 1596 the Smyth's are the subject of a finding at the Newton Manor Court. (See *post.*)

On May 2, 1681, Edwd. Chetham of Salford, Esq., took from the Warden and Fellows a lease of the *Mansion House*, wherein Humphrey Chetham, decd., lately dwelt, called *Whitworth's* in Newton (see Whitworth's A, *post*), and lately in the tenure of Isabel Whitworth, decd., with the Yarne Croft, Long and Round Meadows, Nearer and Further Fower Acre ; also the *Tenement called Smith's*, lately in the tenure of Isabel Whitworth and lately held by Humfrey Chetham, for twenty-one years ; rent 21s., and a capon or hen, and bringing a cart load of coals to the lessors within Manchester, they paying for same at the pitt. On March 14, 1697, and March 20, 1704, the lease was renewed to John Sandiford of Manchester, gent.

The lease was renewed on January 13, 1728, to Edward Chetham of Manchester, Esq.; rent 27s., and otherwise as above. He further renewed in October, 1737, and 1744.

On January 16, 1770, Samuel Taylor of Moston, chapman, renewed a lease of *Smith's Tenement otherwise Holebottom* (there was another Holebottom in Failsworth, and the term seems to mean bottom of the hollow), then held by George Townley, jun., with closes containing eleven and a half acres of Lancashire measure, which had on Nov. 1, 1751, been leased to Edward Chetham of Castleton, Esq.; rent 15s. Taylor renewed on January 16, 1785. James Whittaker of Salford, gent., on May 1, 1773, took the lease of the house which was then lately held by Wm. Bradshaw as Whittaker's tenant, and the Yarn Croft, Long and Round Meadows, and Nearer and Further Four

Acres ; rent 18s. 9d., and 2s. 6d. in lieu of a capon or hen, and in lieu of carting the load of coals.

On March 7, 1688-9, John Jackson of Newton, shoemaker, renewed a prior lease of the tenement in Newton called *Smith's (B)*, lately held by Thos. Fletcher and John Whittaker, with closes called Field at y^e Door, Black Acre, Great and Little Six Acres, Great Meadow, Little Rough Hill and Sneal Hill (see Baguley Fold, *ante*), contents sixteen acres ; rent 10s. 2d. This lease was taken on Feb. 3, 1694, by John Whittiker of Newton, yeoman, being late in tenure of Thos. Fletcher, but on March 25, 1696, it was renewed to John Jackson, and again on March 25, 1704, when it was stated to have been formerly in John Whitacre's tenure.

On October 26, 1742, it was renewed to Ellen Hilton of Manchester, widow, being described as theretofore in the tenure of Richard Hopwood, decd., and Lydia Hopwood, decd., and Phebe Hopwood, spinster, and then in the possession of Ellen Hilton ; and leave was given to alienate to Henry Hill of Bradshaw.

On April 16, 1757, James Wrigley of Great Heaton in Prestwich Parish, yeoman, renewed it at rent 16s., and again on April 16, 1771, at 27s. 6d. rent, and in April, 1785, at 27s.

STOCKS.

ACCORDING to the Rate Books stocks were erected at Newton Heath in 1721. (Higson *MS.*, p. 68.)

TRAVISES.

ON March 3, 1563-4, Warden Thos. Hyrle and the Fellows demised to Nicholas Byron, son and heir of John Byron of Newstead, Esq., Anthony Byron another son of John Byron, and to James Costerdyn of Blakeley, yeoman, a messuage with pastures and meadows in Newton called *Traver's Farm*, and all the lands within the Park of Clayton in Manchester Parish, parcel of the lordship of Newton ; and another messuage

in Newton held by Margaret Ogden, widow, for the joint lives of the lessees and for the life of the survivor, and Hyrle covenanted that if he ever became able to lawfully make over the College and its possessions to any person or persons in fee farm, he and the Fellows would convey to the said Byrons and Costerdyne, the fee farm of the lands and tenements in Clayton Park, on payment of a fyne and gressome of *vli. xiiis. ivd.* (*Lanc. MSS.*, vol. vi., pp. 2-5.)

In May, 1764, Edwd. Greaves of Culcheth in Newton, renewed a lease for *Travises* and other tenements. (See Hollinworth's.)

VICTORIA BREWERY

is shown on the 1845 Ordnance Map (six inch scale) on the east side of Church Street, and on the north Bank of the canal, with "Newton Silk Mill" between the Brewery and Droylsden Road.

The Brewery and Mill were also known as Holt's, and the Brewery at one time went by the name of Beswick's¹.

WARDEN HOUSE,

otherwise Warden's House was on the left [north] of Oldham Road, down Dean Lane. It was an ancient appellation so far as the late Mr. John Owen was able to learn.

About 1760 Mrs. Wroe was the lessee, and James Stott was the actual occupant (*Higson MS.*, p. 69).

On March 16, 1773, the *Manchester Mercury* announced that the Warden House, Newton Heath, was to be let, adding that the Clayton Brook ran through its lands which comprised thirty-one acres of meadow and pasture, and that there was a most remarkably strong spring that rose in the property called the *Warden's Well or Bath* [and fed the Clayton Brook].

It seems that by Clayton Brook was meant the Grange Brook, which ran into the Medlock at Clayton Bridge.

¹ About 1847 it was for a short time rented by Collinson and Simpson (see Newton Heath Brewery), and at that time there was good fishing in the adjoining canal.

Among the fields on the south-east side of Oldham Road between the canal and Crown Point were Warden Close and Priest Fields. The origin of these names is unknown, but they have probably some relation to the Warden and Priests of Manchester Collegiate Church and some ancient enclosure of the Village Common Lands, seeing that they adjoined the Heath in 1804.

WHITE GATES

according to Mr. Higson's *MS.*, is mentioned in the old Registers of Newton Chapel in August, 1698, when John Whitehead, who resided "near White Gate," had a daughter, Sarah, baptised at Newton (Higson *MS.*, p. 64), but judging from the epithet "near" it was more probably Whitegate near White Moss in Chadderton, and not the house called Whitegates on Oldham Road.

WHITWORTH HALL

was on the south-west side of Lamb Lane, beyond the railway arch in passing down the Lane from Oldham Road. It was pulled down when the railway was made. It was of brick and bore the date of 1639, being one of the oldest brick buildings in the neighbourhood of Manchester. The barn was also of brick and was dated 1680.

The Whitworths were lessees, under the Warden and Fellows, of land called in the Collegiate Church Charter of 1556 *Scotland Crosse* in Manchester, and in that of 1578 *Scotland Cross* in Newton, and in 1635 *Scotland Croft* in Newton, and at the latter two dates the lessee was John Whitworth (see "*Scotland*" *ante*, p. 20-1. As to Cross and Croft compare the alternative names Cross Bank and Croft's Bank near Urnston).

Scotland was not the site of Whitworth Hall, but lay in the southern part of Newton Heath.

Numerous Whitworths of Newton are recorded in the Collegiate Church Registers:—in 1556 Egid [Giles] and Ellen, in 1578 John and Richard, in 1635 John Richard and Ralph. See also *ante*, vol. 1, pp. 172-3. The Newton Court in April,

1596, found that Richard Whitworth was dead and Ralph was tenant in his place, and that Ralph Whitworth was dead and his son Richard was tenant in his place^t, and the Manchester Court Leet jury in 1621 found that John Whitworth was dead, leaving John his son and heir under age, and in 1622 they found that Ralph Whitworth was dead, leaving Richard his son and heir of full age. The last named Ralph married Jane, daughter of Geoffrey Hall and brother of Adam Hall. His Will, dated February 20, 1621-2, was proved at Chester in 1622, and names his wife Jane; his daughter Ellen, wife of John Shacklock; a daughter Mary; his son Richard, and Richard's son John; a daughter Elizabeth, wife of Richard Grantham, and their children Elizabeth, John and Richard; also his sister Catherine, wife of John Bexwicke, and their eldest son John.

Ralph's son Richard made his Will October 20, 1647, when he was styled Richard Whitworth senior of Newton, yeoman. He desired to be buried in the middle aisle of Manchester Parish Church, near his father Ralphe, and he mentions his tenement called "Whitworth's" in Newton which had been lately assigned to his son John for certain uses or trusts. He also names his wife Frances, his cousin John Chourlton of Manchester, and his grandchild John Whitworth alias Richardson, also a servant John Clayton, and a servant boy James Bancroft. The witnesses to the Will were John Clayton and John Chadkerck alias Dawson. He left to his son John a messuage near Collyhurst late in the occupation of Henry Ruddle, and the Kibie-field thereto belonging, all purchased from Humfrey Chetam of Clayeton (*Clowes' Evidences*).

Richard's son John left a widow, Isabel, who had two sons, Thos. Brownsword and Edward Brownsword, by her first husband.

A little further down Lamb Lane and on the other side to Whitworth Hall, and in Manchester township, stood a long

^t Before 1600 Richard Whitworth married Margaret, daughter of Nicholas Jepson of Moston, and their daughter Elizabeth in August, 1603, married Humphrey Booth of Salford, gent.

rough-cast whitewashed farmhouse with no visible date inscribed. It was of brick, with a set-off or thinning of the upper part of the wall, similar to that of an old barn which was attached to the old Hall in Hulme.

On April 21, 1675, Nathan Leech of Manchester, gent., surrendered the interest of Humphrey Chetham of Newton, and took a lease of closes, part of a tenement called *Whitworth's (A)* (see Smith's, *ante*), lately held by Isabell Whitworth, widow, deceased (as below), rent 16s., and on Sept. 2, 1682, a lease of them was taken by Mary Adams of Manchester, widdowe.

On August 9, 1701, Francis Cartwright of Manchester, yeoman, and John Heywood of Manchester, currier, took a lease of the closes in Newton, part of *Whitworth's Tenement*, and lately held by Isabell Whitworth, widow, namely Goyfield Meadow, New Field, Long Field, Lane Field, and Little Lane adjoining Lane Field, and leading to the closes from Studd Lane, formerly held by Humphrey Chetham, and lately by Mary Adams, rent 16s.

The lease was taken up on August 9, 1708, by Edward Richardson of Manchester, linenweaver, and on August 9, 1715, by Richard Taylor of Manchester, gent., in trust for Robert Richardson of Manchester, labourer, and was renewed on October 4, 1735, to Taylor in trust for Robert Richardson, and if he died without issue then for his brother Edward Richardson and lawful heirs.

On May 26, 1743, Robert Richardson of Prestwich and John Richardson of Newton surrendered and renewed, and in May, 1750, John Richardson of Unsworth in Prestwich parish, husbandman, renewed it, rent 17s. It was further renewed in August, 1764, by Robert Richardson of Chadderton, and John Richardson of Newton, husbandmen; in 1765 the Will of Robert Richardson of Newton was proved at Chester, and in August, 1770, his executrix, Alice Dawson of Manchester, joined John Richardson of Newton, yeoman, in renewing, Alice's half to be held on the Trusts of Robert's Will; rent £2 3s. 9d.

CHAPTER II.

NEWTON MANOR.

MR. HIGSON in his *MS.*, p. 4, states that the exact date of the original endowment of the Parish Church of Manchester, with the large estates in Newton, which are computed at about 973 acres, does not appear.

Albert de Greslet, Grelley or Gredley (the Norman surname is spelled very variously), in 1129 became possessed of the Manor of Manchester by marriage, and presented to the Church of Manchester, probably about 1150, four bovates or oxgangs of land which are supposed to be a portion of the Newton Estate (Hibbert Ware, *Foundations of Manchester*, vol. i., p. 21), but the Testa de Nevill, which belongs to the twelfth century says "Albertus Gredle gave to the Church of Manchester four bovates or oxgangs of land *of his demesne* in frankalmoign," that is to say, for religious uses, and this demesne land which was probably the same as the four bovates already mentioned have been supposed to be the Parsonage Estate in Deansgate, Manchester, and not part of the church property in Newton. Mr. Farrer, however, considers that it is more probable that it was the hamlet of Kirkmanshulme.

In the Survey of Manchester Manor made in 1320 (Harland's *Mamecestre*, vol. ii., p. 295, Chet. Soc. vol. lvi.), it is stated that the Church of Mamecestre is endowed with one messuage with the rectory, eight burgages in Manchester, and all the villata (an assemblage [or hamlet] of several houses, forming part of a vill) of Newton and Curmeshulme (the spelling is phonetic for Kir'ma'shulme) with meadow, wood, and pasture, and other appurtenances. It is also noticeable that in this Survey no lands in Newton or Kirkmanshulme were attached to the Manor of Manchester, indicating their alienation previous to that date.



The Extent which was made of the same Manor in 1322 included the "Villages of Newton and Kermonsholm." (Higson *MS.*, p. 4.)

In 1535 the Ecclesiastical Survey of Henry VIII., returned that the College of Manchester owned lands and tenements in the Lordship of Newton and Carmansholme, with divers burgages in Manchester; annual value, £40 5s. 3d.

In 1548-9 (2 Edward VI.), Stephen Becke instituted proceedings against Miles Gilforde, Richard Marshall, and others, about disputed title to messuages held of the Warden and Chaplains of Manchester College, and the places mentioned included Newton in Manchester. (Hibbert Ware, *Foundations*, vol. ii., p. 389.)

In July, 1556, Philip and Mary granted a Charter to the Collegiate Church which set forth that besides sixty messuages or tenements, burgages, and cottages in Manchester, Newton, Deansgate and Kirkmansholme, in the tenure of sixty persons named, there were Scotland Crosse, two closes in Newton of nine [Lancashire?] acres in the occupation of James Sydall or his assignees, another parcel of land held by James Throp *alias* Throwp [Thorp], another held by John Byron, Knight, and also the tithes of Faylesworth, Kyrdrnansholme, Newton, and other places.

According to the Charter granted by Queen Elizabeth in July, 1578, the last three holdings had passed into the occupations of George Becke, Richard Kempe, and John Byron, Esq.

In the Charter of Charles I. in October, 1635, the same three tenements were held by George Beach [Becke], Ralph Kempe, and John Beron [Byron], Esq.

In these Charters by Elizabeth and Charles I., the names of the tenants in Newton and Kirkmansholme are given but along with the names of those who were tenants in Manchester, so that the tenants which belonged to Newton and Kirkmansholme can only be conjectured save so far as the Newton Court

Records, which will be noticed presently, throw light on the subject.

In October and November, 1649, the Parliamentary Commissioners returned that one moiety of the property of the College of Manchester consisted of "The Manor of Newton with the rights, members, and appurtenances thereof."

The Dean and Canons still hold a Court Leet for this Manor twice a year, with the help or bait of a substantial dinner for the jurymen after "business" is over.

Early in 1850 the Collegiate Church Estates were assessed for Poor Rate purposes in Newton at £14,800, and in Kirkmanshulme at £2,120.

NEWTON MANOR COURT.

NEWTON was a mesne Manor, within the Manor of Manchester, which had its own Courts and was within the Hundred of Salford, which also had its Courts. The inhabitants of Newton were thus endowed with abundant opportunities of exercising the privilege of serving on a variety of manorial juries, to say nothing of coroners' juries, assize and quarter sessions' juries, and those required at occasional special commissions and at the sheriff's tourns.

For the Newton Manor there was a Court Baron and a Court Leet. The Court Baron was the Manorial Court at which only the freeholders were suitors, and it was presided over by the Lord of the Manor in person or by his steward. Courts Leet are deemed the most ancient Courts known to the law, and are believed to represent the ancient village assemblies of pre-feudal days. They were Courts of Record and had civil jurisdiction up to 403, as well as criminal jurisdiction. All the inhabitants of the Manor were suitors.

The records of the Newton Manor Courts are imperfect, but sufficient remain to show the scope of the business transacted, and they afford a considerable amount of interesting information respecting persons and localities.

They contain, however, much repetition and verbiage, which, for the purposes of this History, has been pruned and abbreviated, much of the erratic spelling has been modernised, and the Latin portions have been translated, except the formula *s. p. for sub pena*, meaning "under a penalty of."

In 1851, at the Enquiry respecting the formation of a Local Board of Health for Newton, it was alleged and not disproved that the two Courts Leet in every year were "renowned for good eating and drinking and loss of time to the jurors," and that "it was notorious that though persons were regularly amerced in various sums" for obstructing water-courses and not repairing roads, etc., "yet in no case had the Court further interfered to levy these fines, whether the evil has been remedied or not." (Rawlinson's *Report*, p. 28.)

The Court seems to have been, throughout the time covered by the existing records, more active in imposing fines than its officers were in enforcing its decrees, and encroachments on the Common were hardy perennials, surviving generation after generation of presentations and fines.

The following is a List of the earlier Court Records as far as they have survived :—

1530, August 2—22 H. viii.
 1539, October 9—31 H. viii.
 1540—1, March 10—32 H. viii.
 1572, October 21—14 Eliz.
 c. 1573?
 c. 1573?
 c. 1580?
 1582, November 2—24 Eliz.
 1583, April 19—25 Eliz.
 1584, April 28—26 Eliz.
 1585, November 8—27 Eliz.
 1586, October 20—28 Eliz.
 1596, April 20—38 Eliz.
 1620, October 12.
 1631, October 12.
 1633, September 5.
 1642, April 19.
 1649, October 20.

1670, April 25.
 1670, October 20.
 1671, October 19.
 1677, October 8.
 1678, October 14.
 c. 1680?, Call Book.
 1682, October 9.
 1683, Call Book.
 1683, April 13.
 1683, October 10.
 1684, April 14.
 1684?, Plea of Debt.
 1684, October 8.
 1685, May 4.
 1685?, Jury List.
 1685, October 2.
 1686, April 21.
 1686, October 20.



1687, April 14.
 1687, October 20.
 1688, April 30.
 1690, October 3.

1690?, Call Book.
 1691, April 17.
 1691? Jury List.

Amongst the "Acts of the Court of High Commission," held June 4, 1635, it is recorded that since Warden Murray came to be Warden (March 7, 1609-10), the Court Leets had been discontinued (Chet. Soc., vol. 21, N.S., p. 90, note). In 1649 the Parliament issued a Commission for a Survey of the Manor of Newton and other possessions belonging to the late Warden and Fellows of the Collegiate Church of Manchester (Raines' Lancashire MSS., vol. xxii., p. 563; *op. cit.*, p. 161.) It is no doubt incidental to these steps that for the years 7, 9, and 24, Charles I. (1632, 1634 and 1649), the Records for Newton Manor Court (with its members, namely Kersal, Kirkmanshulme, and Deansgate, Manchester), are at the Record Office, in vol. 134 of the Exchequer Augmentation Miscellaneous Books, on fols. 26 to 39.

The rest of the Records are in the muniment room of the Cathedral, Manchester.

MANOR CUSTOMS.

THE old Newton Leases about the Commonwealth time, and of even later date, contained provisions which throw light on some of the customs of this mesne manor, such as the stipulation for hens or capons as part of the rent, also the rendering of boon services in carting coals from the pits in Newton to Manchester for the Warden and Fellows. The leases also safe-guarded the rights of the widow of any preceding tenant. She was to enjoy them "according to the custom of the Manor of Newton, as adjudged by the Jurie of the Courte for the Manor next to be holden after any question" respecting them should have arisen. In several leases the wife is included as a lessee, presumably to exclude the rights of the children.

In like manner in Manchester, in 1320, it was recorded that after the decease of a burgess, his wife might hold that burgage

of her husband's whilst she lived without husband. (*Mamecestre*, vol. ii., p. 335). In the Manchester Charter of 1301 it was provided that if any burgess died, his wife ought to remain in the house, and there she might have necessities as long as she willed to be without a husband, and the heir with her, and when she would marry she should depart, and the heir should remain there as the lord. (*Mamecestre*, II., 233.)

In all probability the Newton custom was similar.

In Manchester, if a burgess died, the Charter provided that his heir should give no other relief to the lord save arms of some kind, and in 1320 it was stated that the lord should have the arms of the said burgess¹ which he most used whilst he lived. (*Mamecestre*, II., 233, 335.)

COURT FORMS.

THE following are the traditional Court Forms preserved in the muniment room at the Cathedral:—

[Form of Notice to attend Court, about 1683.]

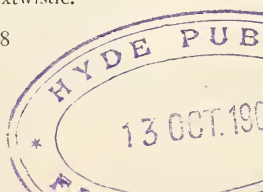
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|--|---|--|
| Maneriū de Duckenfeld ² in Com. Cester. | } | Theis are to give notice and warning to ail and every the ffreehold ³ and tenents within the mannor of [Brinnington ² , cancelled] Duckenfeld ² that owe suite service or appearance or otherwise hav to doe at the Court Baron to be holden with and of (<i>sic</i>) the said mannor That they and every of them bee and p'sonaly appear at the said Court to be holden at the vsuall pplace there [upon Tuesday the eight and twentieth day of this instant month of September, cancelled] upon Thursday the 4th [Thursday the 18th, cancelled] day of December [february, January, cancelled], now next cominge by Eleaven of the Clock in the forenoone of the same day then and there to doe their suite and service respectively as to them apperteneth. Before ³ |
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¹The Assize of Arms in 1181 required a burgess to keep a gambeson or wambais [quilted body armour], an iron head-piece and a lance.

²This Duckenfield form was apparently the same as that which was used (with necessary alterations of name and date), for the Newton Court.

³Endorsed in the fold are instructions for a Bond.

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|--|---|--|
| John Jenkinson of Daniell Jenkinson Nathaniel Jenkinson John Heape of | } | to Jane Packer [or Parker] of Extwistle. widdo. Date it 18 May 1683, payable 18 May next. 80 ^{li} to pay 40 ^{li} & Interest. |
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[PROCLAMATION].

All manner of psons that owe suite service or appearance, or that otherwise have to doe, as well at the Court Leete as the Court Baron heere holden this day for the Warden and ffellowes of the Colledge of Christ in Manches^ter, Lords of this Mannor, draw neere, and give yo^r attendence, and doe yo^r suite and service, and answer to yo^r names as you shalbee called, euy man at the first call, upon paine and pill [peril] that shall fale hereon

Call ffreehold^{rs}.

[CHARGE TO THE JURY].

You shall diligently inquire, and true p'sentment make, of all such matters and things as shalbee given yon in charge, concerninge this p'sent service, (The Kiⁿges Maⁱties Counsell, yo^r ffellowes, and yo^r owne, you shall conceale and keepe) you shall not spare any for favour, feere, or hopes of reward, nor p'sent any for hatred, or malice, but you shall p'sent the truth, the whole truth, and nothinge but the truth, soe helpe you God.

Another form after giving the proclamation, proceeds :—

Call the Inhabitants and answer to your names. Leete :—You as foreman¹ of this Inquest shall sweare that you will serve our soverigne Lord and Lady the Kinge and Queene [William and Mary] in this service [the rest of the oath as in the preceding form].

Court Baron :—[as above, but omitting the keeping of the King and Queen's counsel].

All you that bee sworne draw neere and heere yo^r charge, and you and all others keepe silence whilst the charge is giveinge.

[PROCLAMATION AFTER THE JURY ARE CHARGED].

If there bee any pson or psons that hath any cause of suite lett them come forth and they shalbee heard.

Then deliur the Jury the book.

[PROCLAMATION AT THE END OF THE COURT].

All manner of persons that have any more to doe, aswell at the Court Leete and Court Baron heere holden this day, lett them come forth, and they shalbee heard, els every pson may dpte for the tyme, and keepe their day heere upon sumons and warneing.

God save the Kinge William and Queen Marie, and the Lord of this Mannor.

¹ The oath for the rest of the Jury was :—The same oath as your foreman hath taken on his part, you and each of you shall well and truly observe and keep on your respective parts.

[Part of a proclamation to be made in Court], of any tresons murders manslaughteres or other misdemeanours here inquirable let them come forth and they shalbee heard. [On the other side the following list of Newton Jurors shows that the proclamation was drawn about the year 1700].

JURORS.

| | | | |
|--------------------|------|-----------------------------|------|
| Mr. James Holland, | Jur. | Tho. Greaves, | Jur. |
| Edward Wroe, | " | Rich. Hall, | " |
| Tho. Kempe, | " | John Bowker, | " |
| John Johnson, | " | Robte Boardman, | " |
| John Boardman, | " | John Buerdsell, | " |
| Japheth Hulme, | " | Tho. Beswicke, | " |
| Edw. Barnes, | " | Joshua Thorpe, | " |
| Hugh Kempe, | " | [Thomas Birkey, cancelled.] | |
| William Shaw, | " | [Joseph Birkey, | "] |
| John Nield, | " | [John Wyld, | "] |
| John Jackson, | " | [John Sandiforth, | "] |

CONSTABLES' OATH¹.

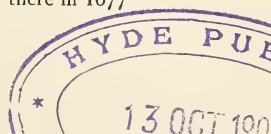
Constables:—you swear that you will severally execute the office of Constable, within the Manor of Newton, for the ensuing year, and until others be appointed in your stead; that you will execute all warrants and precepts to you directed, and do all other matters and things pertaining to your offices faithfully and without partiality. So help you God.

[FORM OF LEATHERSEALERS' OATH².]

You shall sweare that you shall search and make due inquirie after all such Butchers or other psons as within yo^r office shall gash slaughter or cutt the Hides of any ox bull steere or cow, in the flayinge thereof or otherwise, whereby the same shalbee impaired, And if, vpon such search and inquirie, you shall fynd any pson faulty therein, you shall make true p^rsentment of the same, and of all other things apperteininge to yo^r s^d office, soe helpe you God.

¹ This form is still used, but is not amongst those preserved at the Cathedral.

² Leathersealers do not appear to have been appointed at the Newton Court, but this form is preserved amongst the Court documents at the Cathedral. Leathersealers were appointed at the Manchester Manor Court, and the Court Rolls there in 1677 mention fines on Newtonians for leather offences.



NEWTON COURT.

Part 1, from 1530 to 1596.

1530, August 2 [In Latin.] The Court of Newton, Keurd-mansholme, and Deanesgate, there held, at the College of the Blessed Mary of Manchester, on the second day of August, in the 22nd year of the King Henry, the eighth after the conquest of England.

An enquiry there taken on the oath of :—

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| Geoffrey Hall | } Sworn. | Edwd. Burdman | } Sworn. |
| Nich Holland | | Hug. Hall | |
| James Kempe | | Roger Newton | |
| Peter Whitworth | | Hug. Hertle[Hartley] | |
| Nich. Baguley | | Thom. Redich | |
| | | Thom. Smyth. | |
| | | Thom. [N]ew[ton.] | |
| | | Giles [Whitworth.] | |

Who say upon their oath that Robt. Labrey hath obstructed a watercourse between the close called iiij acre and Meynfielde ; Penalty [if not cleared] before St. Martin's feast ; [He hath not done it, *added at next Court*].

And that the same Robt. hath put and fixed a certain gate on the close of Geoffrey Hall called Meanefielde.

And that the same Robt. hath not cleansed his small pit [*fovea*] in the lane or passage [*venella*] at Stone platte [as ordered by the last Court, and see further finding at the Court held in April, 1584], Penalty *xijd.* he hath not done it.

And likewise hath not repaired a lache [*lacum*, a miry place] at Rayle for want of clipping the hedge (*descū secacōis sepm* etc.); penalty *xijd.* ; he did not do it.

They likewise say that Agnes Birtinshawe, widow, hath made an opening (*foramen*) for water in the highway to the annoyance of her neighbours, etc. ; she hath not done it.

And that Margerie, late wife of Ralph Oldam, hath turned the watercourse from its right course, namely, a pond in the high lane (*alta venella*), etc. ; penalty *xijd.* ; she hath not done it.

And that John Bowker hath a ditch at Two Acresyde, which is not properly cleansed, etc ; penalty *xijd.* ; he did it.

Likewise they say that the wife of Richard Hall (in mercy *xijd.*), Thomas Knangrieffe (in mercy *xijd.*), Hugh Taylior (in mercy *xijd.*), Richard Burdessell (in mercy *ijd.*), Roger (sic) (in mercy *vjd.*), do common with their cattle upon the Newton heathe ; therefore each of them is in mercy as afore-said.

Likewise they say that John Hill of Deanesgate hath taken polles (poles), radlinges (rods), cart-staves, and sprintculls (sharpened sticks for thatching sometimes termed sprinklers or sprinklings), Charles Bexwicke for the like, Robert Lonsdale for the like, in mercy *ijd.*

Affeerors [to decide that the fines imposed by the Jury were fair and customary], Nicholas Baguley, Edward Burdman.

Another Enquiry taken on the oath of Roger Bexwicke, Robt. Kenean [Kenyon], Robt. Marler, Jas. Marler, Robt. Percyvall, sworn [as witnesses ?].

Enrolled—[endorsed with a statement that the second Enquiry was] not concerning the Verdict [of the other Jury].

1539, October 9. [In Latin] Court of Newton, Kirkmanshulme, and Deansgate, there held at the Colledge of the Blessed Mary of Manchester on the ninth day of October, in the year of the reign of Henry the Eighth, by the grace of God of England and France King, Defender of the Faith, Lord of Ireland and on earth Supreme Head of the Anglican Church, the thirty first. On the oath of

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| Nich. Baguley | } | Edw. Burdman | } | Thos. Reddich | } | Sworn. |
| Jas. Kempe | | Hug. Hall | | Giles Whitworth | | |
| Peter Whitworth | | Hug. Hartley | | John Kenyon | | |
| Geo. Hall | | John Bowker | | Tho. Smyth | | |
| | | | | Geo. Baron | | |

who say upon their oath that the wife of the late Thos. Hulme and Hu[gh] Hulme, his son, have obstructed the watercouse at the gate in the lane of Geoffrey ; penalty *xijd.* ; let it be amended before the Feast of the Nativity.

That Margery, late wife of Ralph Ouldham turns the water-course from its right course next the orchard.

And that Ralph Kenyon and his mother have not cleansed the ditch at the head of the Rounde Meadowe.

And that the wife of Nich. Hollande turns the watercourse at his Orrin; penalty xij*d.*; he hath done it.

And that Thos. Pendilton hath his buildings not properly repaired, for want of reed and daub (*descū culmi et luti*); penalty ijs. [if not done] before the Feast of the Finding of the Cross; not [done].

And likewise receives vagabonds and beggars contra to the Statute, etc.; penalty ijs. iiij*d.*, *quod domceps de suis* (which the lordship is to have of his goods?).

And that the beast-house? (*vescua*) of Peter Whitworth is ruinous [for want] of timber (*mearenij*).

And that Nich. Wulstoncrofte (xij*d.*), Rich. Soundeforth (xij*d.*), and Will Holland do common with their cattle upon Newton heythe where they ought not; therefore each of them is in mercy.

And that Humphrey Herte cut down a young oak of the Lord (of the Manor) on the holding of Thos. Redich.

Affeerors of this Court, James Kempe, Nich. Baguley, sworn.

Mdd. [in English] that there was an order taken betwixte Sr John Byrom, Mr. George Colyer, Warden of the Colledge Church of Manchester, and the tenantes of Newton concerninge a certen Kilne-stidde [place for a brick kiln], vppon the common of Newton Heathe w^{ch} one Thomas Lomalx hath [built] a howse vppon the saide Kylene-stid, and that the sayde Thomas shall not keepe horse, cowe, nor swyne, nor none other thinge vppon the sayd common, but onlye one swyne, one cocke, and sixe hennes.

Bylawmen, Peter Whitworth, Geo. Hall, Hugh Hall, Thos. Reddich, sworn. Enrolled.

1540-1, March 10 [In Latin, same heading, 32 H. viii].

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|---------------|---|-----------------|---|---------------|---|------------|
| James Kempe | } | Hugh Hall | } | Thos. Reddich | } | Sworn |
| Geo. Hall | | Hugh Hartley | | John Kenyon | | [as |
| Adam Holland | | John Bowker | | Geo. Baron | | } jury-men |
| Edwd. Bordman | | Giles Whitworth | | Jas. Barlowe | | |

Who say upon their oath that Robt. Barlowe (ijs. fine), cut down six young oaks on his holding and likewise "decimavit videlicet stowved" [took for estovers for repairs?] (iiij*d.*) other young oaks there.

And that Margery late wife of Ralph Ouldham turns a water-course from its right course next her orchard; penalty xij*d.*, that it be amended before the Feast of St. Martin; it is not amended.

And that John Wylde hath a ditch in the Back Acre not properly cleansed; penalty viij*d.*, that it be amended before the Feast of Easter; it is not amended.

Likewise he hath a stele [stile] to the annoyance, etc., of the wife of John Smyth; penalty ij*d.*, before the [same] feast; it is not amended.

And likewise the said John Wylde made an assault and affray upon Hugh Smyth, son of John Smythe, deceased, etc., xxx*d.*

They say too that Nich. Walstoncrofte (iiij*d.*), Richd. Soundiforth (iiij*d.*), Wm. Hollande (iiij*d.*), and Thos. Hall of Bexwicke, do common with their cattle upon the Newton heath where they ought not; therefore each of them is in mercy, as appears [above] etc.

It is ordered in this Court that none of the tenants cuts down young oaks without the leave of the officer of the Lord (of the Manor) under a penalty of each xij*d.*

And that they do not sell young oaks under a penalty of each young oak ijs.

[In English] and that none of theym shall stowve [take for repairs] any saplings vppon payne of euerye saplinge iiij*d.*

Affeerors of this Court, Hugh Hartley, Giles Whitworth, sworn.

Bylawmen and hedglokers, Giles Whitworth, George Hall, Geo. Baron, Ralph Kenyon.

LEASEHOLDERS, 1546.

THE following extracts supply the gap between 1540 and 1572:—

The Reports on the Lancashire Chantryes (Chet. Soc., vol. lix, pp. 10–19, show that in 1546 (37 Henry VIII.), the tenantry in Newton and Kirkmanshulme, included Nycholas Bagley, who holdeth one tenement lieinge in Newton, rent xlvs. viij*d*. Other tenements were held by John Kenyon, rente ix*s*.; Thomas Radyche, xx*js*. v*d*.; Stephen Holme, xxx*js*.; Thos. Pendleton, xv*js*.; Hugh Hartley, xxxi*js*.; Robert Buerdesyll, xxi*js*. j*d*.; Robt. Barlawe, vis. viij*d*.; Rauf Kenyon, xxvii*js*.; Thos. Smyth, xv*js*. x*d*.; Hughe Halle, xxv*js*. viij*d*.; The wyff of Thos. Holme, xii*js*. iiij*d*.; Jas. Shalcrosse, xi*js*. v*d*.; George Barne, xi*js*. v*d*.; John Wylde, x*js*.; Hugh Smyth, x*s*. ij*d*.; James Halle, x*js*. v*d*.; Gyles Whitworth, one cottage, i*js*. viij*d*.; James Barlawe, one cottage, xiiij*d*.; George Hall, one tenement, xxxv*js*.; James Kempe, xv*js*. viij*d*.; Rauf Holland, one parcel of ground called Stotland (Scotland) Crosse, estimated . . acr', i*js*. iiij*d*.; The wyff of Nicholas Holland, xxvii*js*.; Edward Burdman, xx*js*.; Rauf x*js*.; John xii*js*.; Gyles Whitworth, xvi*js*. iiij*d*.; Thos. Hollynworth, ix*s*.; Hugh Hogekinson, xii*js*.; Alexandre Massay, one cottage, ii*js*. v*d*.; James Sidall, one tenement, xi*js*.; James Kempe, one parcell containing . . acr, iiij*d*.; John Byryne, Knight, one parcell containing . . acr., xx*d*.; the wyffe of Myle; Beswyke, in Kirdesmanhulme, xxv*js*. viij*d*.; Robert Kenyon, one tenement there, xxv*js*. viij*d*.; The wyffe of Robert Marler, xxv*js*. viij*d*.; Roger Marler, xxv*js*. viij*d*.; Ranolde Kenyon, xx*js*.; The wyffe of Galfride P'civall one litle tenement, vi*js*.

Rauf Culchyth for fre-rent goinge furthe of his landes lienge in Newton biforeshaid, yerlie iiij*js*. v*d*.

Robte Kenyon holdyth the tythe cornez of Kerdesmanhulme, by yere xxx*s*. Thos. Hyde those of Bradford, i*js*. viij*d*.

Galfride Halle holdyth at will the tythe cornej of Newton, by yere *vjli. xvs. ijd.*

Payde to my lord le Warre for chief rente goinge furthe of the landes lyenge in Newton, by yere *xiijs. vjd.*

On October 7, 1559, Warden Thos. Hearle and the Fellows granted a lease of a tenement in Newton to Edmund Assheton of Chadderton, Esq.

1572, October 21 [In Latin], View of Frankpledge of Newton and Kerdmāshulme and Deansgate [in] Māstrie [Mamecestre], held at Newton, 14 Elizabeth, before Edmund Trafford, Steward.

Enquiry held on the oaths of—

| | |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Roger Smyth. | Otho Bordman. |
| John Whitwurthe. | Richd. Bexwicke. |
| Thos. Buyrdsell. | Roger Kenyon. |
| Ralph Barne. | Robt. Leighe. |
| Edwd. Bordman. | Robt. Persivall. |
| John Smythe. | Nicholas Bowker. |
| Ralph Whitwurthe. | Adam Holland. |

George Reddiche.

Names of those who have not appeared :—

| | |
|--------------------------|----------------------|
| Wm. Boothe de Downam | Edward Sydall, gent. |
| [Dunham], Esq. | |
| Thos. Strangeways, gent. | Geo. Kenyon, „ |
| Robt. Shawe, „ | Henry Chetam, „ |
| Ralph Wynnigton, „ | Wm. Ravald, „ |
| Robert Hulme, „ | Rich. Hunte, „ |
| Wm. Radcliffe, „ | Anne Becke, wid. |
| Wm. Culchethe, „ | Radolph Howldeyne. |
| Richd. Whitwurthe. | Richd. Smethurste. |
| John Kenyon. | Richd. Chadwicke. |
| Adam Byrom. | Henry Barrowe. |
| George Byrche. | James Smythe. |

Edmund Blomeley.

Richd. Hartley's wife.

[In English; the spelling is here modernised and some verbiage omitted].

The Jury have found great waste of ground within the Manor of Newton and in the park of Maister Byron, Esquyre, called the Cleaton Parke by reason of the Ryver of Medlocke, which lands belong to the College of Manchester, nowe in the howldinge of the said Mr. Byron, but by what tenure we know not.

Also an house builded upon Newton Heath by Thomas Lommas, without the consent of the Warden and Fellows.

Also whereas Robt. Hulme, gent., was presented by the last Jury that he kept not on[e] Barne in reparacon, late in the occupacon of Stephen Browne and now of Robert Hulme, and had time to amend same, we find Robert hath made some reparacon, and there is some part yet to be repaired, and we give him time to repair between this and the feast of St. Martin the Bishop, upon the same payne.

We find lack of reparacon in a barn of Thos. Hollynwurthe, like as the last Jury have done and give him time to repair same, that is the feast of the birth of our Lord God next upon the same payne.

We find a house in the holding of John Smythe to be out of reparacon; to be repaired before Pentecost upon the like pain.

That Robt. Shacklock and Nicholas Jepson of Moston Tunshipp have put their cattle unto the Common of Newton Heath, without license of the Warden and Fellows, having no interest unto the same.

That Wm. Smythe, Richd. Clughe, Francys Kempe, and Thos. Wurthington, have trespassed in putting their beasts unto the Common, being of fayliswurthe, without license.

That Hugh Gilliam and Ralph Buyrdsall have likewise offended, in putting their cattle to the Common without license.

Also they find certain Incroachments to be made after a house now in the holding of Ralph Howldeyn.

[Another finding about the house of Thos. Hall.]

That a barn of Randulphe Kenyon of Kerdmanshulme, presented by the last Jury is not amended ; if not amended the penalty to stand by the last Jury appointed.

A Barn of Raphe Marler is not repaired, because the Jury gave him till Pentecost next; if not amended the penalty to stand.

John Smythe doth find him greved with Nicholas Baguley, because that he kepithe a way for his own commoditie, which way is conveyed through parcel of Smythe's tenement.

We find certain timber to be cut down in the tenement of Randulph Kenyon, being put to no use, but lying upon the ground there, and, whether he had license of the lord or not, we do not know.

Raphe Marler of Kerdmanshulme useth a certain way upon the ground of Richd. Bexwicke contrary to right, and do give him time to amend the same betwixt and the feast of Phillipp and Jacob ; and if not, to forfeit every time he useth the way *xij*d.

We find Richd. Whitwurthe to have broken the soil in the lord's waste and carried yearth from thence in to on[e] of his fields to fill up a pit withall.

Stephen Hulme and Raffe Barne do find them greved of two dunghills of Edmunde ffog and George Bowkers, being noyfull to the highways ; order to be amended betwixt and the feast of the Purification of the ble[ssed Virgin] Mary next, sub pena o. . .

We present ourselves for not amending of the highways in the Tunshipp of Newton for this year, because we did always look when we shulde have been appointed to have assembled ourselves with our carriages by the Church-wardens of our parish, according to the words of the Statute in that case provided.

We find fault that certain tenants of Newton and Kerdmanshulme have set furthe part of their grounds unto foreners, and we order that they shall proffer their ground from henceforth unto the tenants of the same Tunshipp, and, if the said tenants

will give as much money for the same as others, then the tenants to have the ground before others, and, if default be made, every one offending to forfeit vjs. viij*d*.

Nicholas Baguley, Nicholas Hogkinson, and Raffe Whitwurthe, do find them greved of a certain way, which owe to be repaired by the wife of Peter Hartleye and the wife of Stephen Beeche, and we present the same, and doe give them time to amend hit betwixt this and the feast of Pentecost next, sub pena, wife of Peter, iij*s*. iij*d*., and wife of Stephen, vjs. viij*d*.

[Cancelled.—We present for bowling, Raffe Hall, Otes Bordman, John Whitwurthe, Adame Holland, Raffe Whitwurthe, John Smythe, Nycholas Baguley, John Kenyon, George Reddiche, Willyam Kenyon, Thomas Prestwicke; these with others have offended in the same game]

There is inclosed with the pale, within the park of Cleaton, certain lands of the tenants of Newton belonging to the College of Manchester as [here]after followeth, according as [by the] last Jury was brought in. . . .

[No heading or date, c. 1573, spelling modernised and verbiage omitted].

We find one Thomas Lumas hath made an incrochmente on the common of Newton Heathe, and buylted a house upon the same, and hath been before presented, and not amended, and hath since then buylte an other house upon the Common of Newton Heath.

The wife of Adam Holland hath built an house and a barn, and part of them stande on Newton Heath with a large incrochment before them.

There is an incrochment on the Common of Newton Heath, at a dwelling house, which one Richard Traviisse dwelleth in, which incrochment was made by Raphe Kulcheth.

We have great wrong by certain neighbours of ffeylsworthe and Drylsden, William Smythe, Richd. Cloughe, ffrancis Kempe, Raphe Thorpe, Thos. Worthintone, with others, which do not

only eat up our common, but also geate their cattle upon the same, contrary to all right and custom, and of Drilsden which do put their cattle to the said Common Richard Burdsell, and of the Woodhouses Thos. Hill, Nicholas Cletone, and Raphe Cloughe, and of the Millne howses Hughe Gilliam and John Hall.

We find great wast on the College land within the park of Cleaton, by the mean of the water going out of hit course, commonly called Medlock.

A barn now in the holding of the wife of Steven Beche [is] letten down for want of reparation, which barn hath been amarcied [fined] heretofore and not amended, for which fault we give her to Saint John Baptist's day to amend the same, or else to be amarcied in xiijs. iiij*d*.

Wm. Kulcheth, gent., is indebted unto George Wirrall of Manchester, in seventeen shillings and three half pence.

Thos. Becke, gent., did wilne us of the Jury to go with him to Monsall, and there to see a parcel of ground betwixt Rodger Smithe and him, and we find same to belong to the College land, and parcel of Roger Smithe's tenement, through the which Thos. Becke hath a bridgeway, or a way by license, he making a good and sufficient yate betwixt Monsall and the said ground to save Rodger Smithe's catles.

Bylamen: Steven Hulme, John Keniane.

[No date or heading, *c.* 1573? Spelling modernised and verbiage shortened].

The Jury do present that Thomas Lomas hath builded a baye of a house upon the College lands of Newton Heath. We order Thomas either to agree with Mr. Warden and his Fellows, or else quietly to leave the possession of the same to the use of the College, before the Feast of the Nativity of our Lord next coming, sub pena, xxs.

The Jury doe find John Kenion to be departed, and John Kenion his son, to be tenant.

Nicholas Baguley and Rauffe Whitworth hath [ex]changed certain grounds within Newton, viz.: Nicholas to have the ground called Sneleshill, and Rauffe to have for the same one parcel containing ij akers, a rode land and a half taken furthe of the Tenn Aker by the lawful consent of the whole College.

We order that no manner person after the day of these presents, shall put any cattell or cattells to Newton Heathe, but such persons as be tenants in Newton, sub pena vjs. viij*d*.

[The finding repeated about great destruction of ground in the park of John Byrron, Esq., called Cleaton Park, by reason of the River of Medlock.]

There is inclosed within the park with[in the Park] of Cleaton certain lands of the tenements of Newton as hereafter followeth:—

The sum of all in waste, arable, and meadow lands, is and a half and xxxviiijth falls [or perches].

A barn in the holding of the wife of Steven [Becke is] in want of reparation; to be repaired before Purification of Mary the Virgin next, sub pena xs.

[We find] the pound of Newton to be broken by Thomas [torn away] and his kyne, wherefore we order that the said and . . . erlned at the will and pleasure of the . . .

[Presentment of themselves for not amending the highways as before].

We do order that if (sic) every tenement able to keep a draught not coming with their carriages [to amend the roads], betwixt this and the Nativity of St. John babtist next, to forfeit for every day being away ijs., and all cotigers so offending to forfeit every day, viij*d*.

We find fault that certain tenants of Newton and Kerdmans-hulme have set furthe part of their ground unto foreners [as before]; if default made, every one to forfeit for every time vjs. viij*d*.

Nicholas Baguley, Nicholas Hogkinson [the wife of Peter Hartley, cancelled] [and Raffe Whit]worth do find them greved of a way [as before, but the date fixed, viz.: Pentecost, is "by the birlamens appointing."]

[Cancelled. A presentment of Raffe Hall, etc., for bowling, as before, which confirms the supposed date of this Roll].

LESSEES' GRIEVANCES IN 1574.

THE following are extracts from Depositions or Answers to Interrogations made at Manchester, in Sept., 1574, before Commissioners appointed to take evidence in an action brought by Oliver Carter¹, one of the Fellows, against the Warden [Herle, 1559-1575]. The Record is preserved in the Record office (Exchequer Augmentation Office Miscell. Book, vol. 134).

[The spelling has been here modernised and the verbiage omitted].

On p. 2b, is a list of rents of tithe corn, including:—Of Kirdmaneshollme [tithe] rent . . . xxxs. [as in 1546].

[On page 6], *Roger Smythe* of Newton, tenant to Mr. Warden, deposed in answer to the 22nd and 23rd Interrogatories. His deposition is headed:—Rent xvijs. *xd.*; Fines for two leases *vli. ijs. iiijd.* He said that *at the first coming of Mr. Warden* [Herle, 1559-1575] *that now is*, he called the tenants together and told them that the College was in great debt unto him, and required some relief at their hands, to which some consented, and the examate [R. S.] being one did take a lease and paid for a fine three pounds, and six shillings eight pence for the seal.

¹The date of the Commission is fixed by the deposition of Geffray Hall as 17 Eliz., 1574.

Warden Oliver Carter [1570-1604] about 1570, was a Fellow of the Collegiate Church at Manchester, under Queen Mary's Foundation and joined Warden Herle and the other Fellows in leasing the College lands for large fines and long leases. In 18 Eliz. (c. 1575), he made a claim for wages against Warden Herle, who was the same year, the sixteenth of his Wardenship, deprived of his office. (See Raines' *Wardens of Manchester*, vol. i., p. 82.)

In 1578 Carter was appointed Fellow under Queen Elizabeth's Charter. Warden Dee [1595-1608], was especially prejudiced against Oliver Carter, who treated the learned and venerable Head of the College with scant respect. See Chet. Soc., NS., vol. 5, for a conjecture that Carter brought Herle's misdoings to the notice of Dean Nowell, and a reference to Churton's *Nowell*, p. 253.

In 32 Eliz. (1589), Carter and two other Fellows prosecuted in the Duchy Court some Manchester parishioners for non-payment of their tithes.

Carter died at Manchester, March 20, 1604-5, and was there buried.



About twelve years after he took his first lease, the now Warden called the tenants together again, and told them their former leases were not good in law¹, whosoever would take new leases for three lives, or one and twenty years, should have them granted, or if any that had taken at the former time for three lives or ten years, or that any of the parties named in the leases were dead, or term of years spent, he would renew for new money as they could agree.

Examineate, hearing his former lease was not good in law, was contented to take anew of the Warden for the which he paid thirty shillings for a fine, and six shillings eight pence for the seal.

Mr. Warden borrowed twenty marks of the tenants, of which examineate bare his portion and is yet unpaid, and for rents before[hand ; that is, paid in advance] examineate hath three or four times disbursed with the rest of the tenants.

Touching the setting of farms over the tenants their heads, *John Kenyon's* house was set over his head to Mr. Gyfforde, likewise *George Byrche* hath taken sundry leases over divers of the tenants their heads, which is a great grief to all the tenants.

And examineate for his part findeth himself grieved at the evil dealing of the now Warden, who granted a lease to *George Penleton*, and George granted it over to *Edward Penleton* of a tenement of the College lands, and received a fine of the said Penleton and rents for the same this seven years, and yet, for all that, the said Penleton never occupied according to the term of his lease, but hath lost seven years' profit, past all which time he [examineate] ought to have enjoyed the same, and never yet by Mr. Warden reformed, and the tenement is and hath been in suit betwixt the late *wife of Stephen Beeche*, and *Edward Penleton* this seven years or thereabouts, all which time the Warden hath received the yearly rents of said Edward.

¹ In 1576 (18 Elizabeth), an Act was passed empowering the Warden and Fellows to grant leases for any term not exceeding twenty-one years, when the former lease of the same land did not exceed three years of being expired.

As it is credibly reported, now, at the execution of this Commission, the Warden received two years' rents of arrearages of the said wife, who is in possession of the tenement, whereby it appeareth that he had received the rents of both parties due for the tenement and have given comfort of the goodness of their titles to them both, whereby it is likely the suits to be minished, and yet hath made another lease of the same tenement unto *George Byrche* of Manchester.

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| <p>[fol. II.] Rente xxxvjs. Fines xxvij<i>li.</i> vjs. viij<i>d.</i>, for ij leases.</p> | } | <p><i>Geffray Hall</i> of Newton, tenant to Mr. Warden sworn, deposeth he took a lease of the now Warden and paid twenty pounds fine; and six shillings eight pence the seal.</p> |
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He took this lease twelve years past, and the lease [renewal] year, being the xviijth of Elizabeth now Queen [1574]¹, the Warden said their leases which he first granted were not good in law, by which persuation examine took a new lease of the now Warden and paid for a fine twenty nobles; and six shillings eight pence the seal.

His father lent Mr. Warden money which he never received again; what sum examine knoweth not.

Also examine hath paid divers rents beforehand which he paid again [as and when they became due?]

[fol. 17b.] *Nycholas Persevall* of Kirdmansholme, tenant to Mr. Warden sworn, deposeth that he hath taken a lease of one tenement in Kirdmansholme, of the now Warden for the term of three lives, videlicet for his own life, his wife's, and Edmund his son; and paid for a fine thereof four pounds; and six shillings eight pence the seal. . . . *Thomas Kenneyon* of Kirkmansholme has also taken a tenement there for three lives . . . *Elizabeth Kenneyon*, widow, likewise has a lease of a tenement there for three lives; [no dates are given].

¹ Roger Smyth (*suprà*) shows that the Warden had been twelve years in office. If the enquiry was held twelve years after 1574 it would fall in 1586 when Wm. Chaderton was Warden, but he was not appointed till 1579.

[fol. 20]. Rent xxxviiijs. } *Robert Holme* of Newton, gent.,
 A fee farm worth xxli. } sworn, and examined to the ij and 22
 by year, and paid no } Interrogative deposeth that he hath a
 fine that appeareth. } lease granted by Mr. Collyare late
 Warden [1528-1557] of Manchester, deceased, for lives, his
 father's life, his mother's, Ralf his brother now deceased, and
 deponent's life, of one *Pedley's Place* in Newton.

And deponent saith that he holdeth one other tenement in Newton, called as he remembereth *Barlow's Place*, for one and twentie years, which lease Mr. Warden that now is granted, as deponent remembereth to *Steven Browne*, and Steven sold the lease to *Edward Syddall*, and Edward Syddall sold it over to *Steven Beeche*, and deponent bought Steven Beeche's interest.

And as he verily thinketh, Mr. Warden that now is hath granted to *Edmund Holme*, deponent's eldest son a fee farm of the two tenements aforesaid, yielding the old rent, but what fine was paid examine knoweth not.

And as for *Edward Holte* one of the Fellow Chaplains at that time [*circa* 1568] told him that the fee farm granted to his [examine's] son Edmond, was engrossed by the said Sir Edward Holt and [was] drawn as he [examine] remembereth, by one Baxter dwelling at Stopford [Stockport].

[fol. 22]. *Rychard Whittworth* of Newton, *Nycholas Bagguley* of the same, *Rychard Bexwicke* of Kirdmansholme, . . . *Marler* of the same, and *Thomas Hall* of Newton [tenants] of Mr. Warden, sworn, deposeth that the now Warden hath set all their tenements over their heads by lease, which [tenements] *they and their ancestors time out of mind have quietly occupied*, to one *George Byrche* of Manchester, merchantman, contrary to the Statutes of the Colledge, to the terror and grief of deponents, and the great peril of utter undoing of them, their wives, children and posterity for ever, and to the evil example of all greedy landlords.

And further that he Richard Whittworth paid to the now Warden the fine of . . . enne pounds for a lease for three lives ; and for the [seal] six shillings and eightpence, and after [that]

the Warden persuaded deponent his lease was not good (having yet his own life and his child of ten years old to determine), and put him to the charge of devising and engrossing of a new lease, over and besides twenty shillings that he oweth him.

All these deponents say that heretofore they have not been troubled, by [any] other Warden, with payment of rents aforehand, tendering of money, or charged not past six shillings eight pence for a lease, and [an earnest] to the Warden, commonly called a [luck] penny.

And when they had any cause to resort to any Warden, saving the said Warden that now is, they were well refreshed and entertained with meat and drink.

Insomuch that Sir Lawrence Vawse, a fugitive Papist, late Warden [1557-8] in Queen Mary's time (having neither house, nor any more living than this Warden hath by the Wardenship of the College), yet kept continual hospitality [to keep?] his company together, according to his power and small ability, and observed the Statutes of the House as the time required.

And this now Warden his [seldom] resort to Manchester, is is to be received, and when he cometh, lieth at an Inn, and his company dispersed.

And yet (the most wicked part of all), hath sett and leased out all commodities, the rents reserved that appertain to the College, and such as were never leased by any Warden afore him, but [were] reserved for maintenance of hospitality.

Whereby all hope of hospitality and goodly instruction of the people is taken away, to the great grief of the godly.

And [there] hath been great annoyance [to some] of the tenants, by entering into their tenements for non-payment of [divers] sums of money as the now Warden hath granted by patent, whereby they were driven to appear at Lancaster by process, to their great charges, for the defence of their tenements.

[fol. 24b.] *George Prowdelove* paid to the now Warden, for a lease in reversion of certain fields and closes called Siddelles Feldes in Newton, four pounds for a fine.

[Circa 1580 or earlier?, no date nor heading, spelling modernised and verbiage omitted].

Itm̄ we fynde falte wth Thomas Lomas that hathe bylde a howse on the Collydge lande on the Comen of Newton Hethe.

Geffray Hall hath made a beldyng to the side of his barn upon the Comen of Newton Hethe to set his horse in.

After the side of Rauffe Holdyn house there is in crowsmēt.

Thomas Hall hath made an in crowsmentt about his howse.

There was a fraye in Newton Lane betwexe James Wylde of Manchester, John Chorlton of Salford, on the one parte, and Thomas Cleeg and John Cleeg on the other part, in mercy every one xx*d*.

There was a broale [brawl] in Newton lane betwexe Rauffe Marlar of faylesworth and Alesonder Bradshew of the Owdefelte [Salford], we merc' Raffe Marler in xij*d*.

For Kyrdmansholme.

Itm̄. We find want of reparation of a barn of Ranndyll Kynnyon, it to be amended by Kyrsonmas, or els in marc' vs.

Want of reparation of a barn of Rauffe Marlar, to be amended by Kyrsonmas, or els to be a marc' in vs.

Recharde Bexeyke findeth him aggrieved of a way, which Raffe Marlar useth contrary to right, through a close, called the Cow heaye, in to the bradshutt, it to be amended by Kyrsonmas, or else in mercy xij*d*.

We find fault with a leache betwexe Rauffe Marlar and Robartt Leye, called the Ten-aker leache, it to be amended by Kyrsonmas, or in mercy xij*d*.

These are they that did not appear :—

Thomas Chaderton.

Rodger Kynnyon.

Rauffe Holdyn.

Rauffe Marlar.

George Beche.

[On reverse]. Itm̄ we find Gorge Redege [Reddish] to be tenante by the consent of his father.

We find John Bageyle to be desyssed and Nicolas Bageyle his son to be tenant in his stead.

Hughe Hulme is contented to surrender up his tenement to Steven Hulme his son, therefore we find him tenant.

Robartt Leaye tenant in Kyrdmanshulme by Cessele [Cicely] his wife.

Great waste within the pale of the park after the water in Newton.

Want of reparation of a barn of Robartt Holland's late in the hands of Steven Berne, to be amended by Martenmas, or else vjs. viij*d.* in mercy.

Want of reparation of a barn of Thomas Hollenworth, to be amended by Martenmas, or else vjs. viij*d.* in mercy.

The like of a house of John Smythe, to be amended by Pentecost, or else xs. in mercy.

Ranndyll Kempe hath letten down his housing.

We find fault with Robartt Shacloc and Nicolas Jepson, for eating up our Common of Newton Heath with their beysse [beasts, cattle], in mercy xij*d.*

We find fault with Wyllyam Smythe, Recharde Cloghe, frannces Kempe, Thomas Worthenton, for etynge owre Comen of Newton hethe wth catyll, in mercy every one of them xij*d.*

We find fault with Wyllyam (*sic*) Rauffe Burdsyll of Drylsden, for eating up our Common with their cattle, every one of them xij[i*d.*] in mercy.

1582, November 2. [Spelling modernised and abbreviated].

NEWTON, KIRDMANSHULME AND DEANS_GATE.

THE Leet Court of the Rt. Rev. Wm. [Chaderton] Bishop of Chester, Warden, and Fellowes of the College of Christ in Manchester, founded by Queen Elizabeth, holden at *Newton Heath Chapel*, in the pres'ce of the said Rev. Father by Sir Edmund Trafford, Knight, steward there.

John Whitworth, jur. [sworn]
Geffraie Hall
Edward Bordman

Hughe Hall
George Rediche
Nicholas Bowker



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| Randall Kempe, jur. | Raphe Whitworth jur. |
| Rodger Smythe | John Smithe |
| Hughe Hartleye | Raphe Barne |
| Richard Whitworth, jur. | James Dowsone |
| Otes Bordman | |

[Apparently the foreman was sworn separately, and the rest of the Jury by threes or fours at a time].

These be the persons that make the default in not appearing, therefore we do amarcie every one of these undernamed in *xijd.* a piece :—

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| Thomas Stranguishe, gent. | Henerye Chetame, gent. |
| William Kulchethe, gent. | Richard Hunte, gent. |
| Edward Sydall, gent. | George Byrche. |
| George Keniane, gent. | Robarte Hulme, gent. |
| Steven Hulme | |

Kerdmanshulme.

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| Richard Bexweeke | Rodger Keniane |
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Deanesgate.

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| Henerye Torkenton | Thomas Marcrofte |
| James Smythe | William Ractliffe, gent. |

Incrochments :—Richard Tharpe of ffeylsworth hath made an Incrochment on the Common of Newton Heath, and hath been heretofore presented for the same, and yet is not amended.

An Incrochment made by William Lort at his lane end on the Common of Newton Heath.

[1583. Written on four sheets pinned together, and endorsed in a later hand "Newton Court, 19 April, 25 of Elizabeth, 1583," but perhaps relating to two Courts].

NEWTON AND KERDMANSHULME.

THE Leete Courte of the Righte Reu^dende Willem, Bishop of Chester, Warden, and Fellowes, etc., holden at Newton Heathe Chapell, the [seconde daie of Novemb^r, xix, cancelled, as if the writer was carelessly copying from the heading of an earlier Court], Ninetithe daie of Aprill, in the fyve and twentieth

yeare of Elizabeth, In the presence of the Right Worshipfull
Sr Edmund Trafford Knighte, steward, there :—

[The Jurors' names are in Latin].

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| John Whitworth | Richd. Whitworth | Ralph Whitworthe |
| Geoffrey Hall | Otes Bordman | John Smithe |
| Edwd. Bordman | Thos. Kenion | Ralph Barne |
| Ranulph Kempe | Hugh Hall | Jas. Dowsonne |
| Rodger Smithe | Geo. Rediche | Richd. Bexwicke |
| Hugh Hartley | Nich. Bowker. | Nich. Psiuall |

[Spelling modernised and verbiage omitted].

These be the persons that make the default in not appearing,
we do amercye every one in xij*d.* a peece :—

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| Robarte Hulme, gent. | Wm. Kulchithe, gent. |
| Edwd. Syddall, gent. | Geo. Keniane, gent. |
| Henerie Chitame, gent. | [Hugh Travise, gent., can- |
| Steven Hulme | celled] |

Richd. Thorpe of feylsworthe hath made an Incrochment on
the Common of Newton Heath which was made since the last
Court. [End of first sheet. The second is in darker ink than the
others and possibly relates to another Court. The water-mark is
slightly different, being a jug or pot with F as first initial on the
bowl].

Raphe Smythe of y^e Dobbe lane in faylesworth, ffraunces
Kempe, and James Travys the young^r, of ffaylesworth, do not
only put their cattell upon y^e Common of Newton Heath, but
also keep the same upon the said Common, contrary to all
right, therefore the Jury doth amercye them in iijs. iiij*d.* a peece.

Robt. Buerdsall and Jas. Buerdsall, his brother, dwelling in a
cottage in Newton under Mr. Culcheth, do surcharge the
Common, called Newton Heath, with their cattell, therefore the
Jury doth amercy either of them in vjs. viij*d.* a peece.

And Richard Ogdeyn of Moston, for the like, vjs. viij*d.*

The Constables shall cause the [archery] butts to be sufficiently
made and repaired before the feast day of Pentecost next,
sub pena xxs.

Raphe Hulme, gent., shall not only cleanse and ditch his ditches in the Stud [Hulme Hall Lane?] Lane, according to the discretion of the Jury or the more part of them, but also shall remove his dunghill in the same lane, so as it be not troublesome or noisome to such his neighbors of Newton, and others that have occasion to pass through the same lane; to be done before the Nativity of St. John Baptist next, sub pena xs.

Whereas divers boughs of trees do grow over the lane in Stud Lane [Hulme Hall Lane], so as a load of hay or corn can not well be carried that way, the said Raphe Hulme shall cut down the same boughs, so as a load of corn or hay may be carried that way, before Midsummer day next, sub pena iijs. iiij*d*.

The Jury doth present George Thorpe and John Hall for angling in a pit of John Shepley and Hugh Hartley's and for taking their fish since the last Court, therefore americy them either of them in xij*d*.

Order that neither George Thorpe, and John Hall, nor any other person, or persons, shall hereafter use any such fishing in any pit, or pits, in Newton, without the license of the owner of the pit, upon payne xs.

Surveyors of highways :—Adam Holland. Hughe Hall.

Constables or Bylawmen :—Otes Bordman, Ric. Whitworthe.

Afferors of the Court :—John Whitworth, Hugh Hartley.

[End of second sheet. The third is in a hand and ink similar to those of the first sheet, and the watermark is identical].

We have great wrong by certain neighbours of feylseworthe, Wm. Smithe, Rich. Cloughe, Raphe Thorpe, Thos. Worthington, and Jas. Travise the youngest, which do not only put their cattell upon the Common of Newton Heath but also keep them upon the same, contrary to all use and custom, We americie every one of them, for every time so offending, in iijs. iiij*d*.

Where[as] it was ordered that these persons above named should not put any catells unto the Common upon paine to be amerced in iijs. iiij*d*, and the persons did put their cattells two



divers days before the last Court, and the same day also, and many days before and after unknown.

A barn now in the holding of the wife of James Hall wanteth reparation, for the amendment we give her time till Michael's day, or else to be amarciéd in vjs. viij*d*.

The like for a barn of the wife of Steven Beeche.

The Jury doth find the wife of John Hall to be hurtful to the highway, by reason of a ditch which lacketh amendment, for the which we give her time till Michael's day, or else to be amarciéd in vs.

And the said wife to be hurtfull to a lane, commonly called the Stud Lane [Hulme Hall Lane] for lack of ditching of a ditch, Wherefore we givetill Christemas or else to be amarciéd in ijs. iij*d*.

And Robarte [not Raphe as above] Hulme, gent., to be hurtful to the Stud Lane, by his ditches being unditched, and his hedge unfallen, and a dunghill lying in the lane, We give till Christemas to amende the same, or else to be amarciéd in vjs. viij*d*.

KERDMANSHULME.

THE Jury doth thus agree :—that Robarte Leighe of Kerdmanshulme shall inclose with pale of either side his house ten yards of length and six yards of breadth, and his neighbours of Kerdmanshulme, are thus agreed, and Robarte Leighe doth agree, that if his neighbours, if need require, the like pleasure shall be showed to them, and for the ways unto the Orchards of Rodger Keniane and Rauff Marler, and all other maters heretofore they are agreed upon.

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| Sworn men for Newton | and for Kerdmanshulme. |
| Steven Hulme | Thomas Ken[yon] |
| John Keniane | Nicholas Persiuall |

[End of third sheet. Apparently sheet four should be sheet two, judging by the following item].

Richard Thorpe of ffaylesworthe hath made further Incroachment upon the Common of Newton Heath, which hath heretofore been presented but is not amended, and ought to have laid

forth the Incroachment before xxiās last past, sub pena xxijs. viij*l*, forfeit unto the Lord ; order to lay forth before St. James Thappostle, sub pena xls.

William Lorte hath made an Incroachment of the Common at his lane end, heretofore presented but not amended, and commanded to lay out the same before xxiās last past, sub pena xxs., forfeit to the Lord ; order to lay open before St. James Thappostle, sub pena xxs.

Thomas Lomas made an Incroachment on the Common and did build a house upon the heath, and was presented in xiiij iiij*l*, and since hath builded an other house upon the Common, and was commanded to lay forth before xxiās last past, sub pena xls., due to the Lord ; order to lay forth before St. James Thappostle, sub pena, iiij*l*.

Isabell, late wife of Adam Holland deceased, hath built a house and a barn, and part of them do stand upon Newton Heath with a large Incroachment before them, and should have laid out same before xxēnnas last, sub pena iij*l*. vjs. viij*l*. ; order to lay forth before St. James, sub pena v*l*. xxijs. iiij*l*.

There is an Incroachment made upon the Common near to the house of Rich. Travis, made by Raphe Ku[lcheth] deceased, and it was ordered that Wm. Kulchithe, gent., should lay open same before xxiās last, sub pena xxs., due to the Lord ; order to lay open before St. James the Apostle, sub pena, xls.

Great waste of ground within the park of Cleaton by reason of the River of Medlock, and by the waste of ground the meyres between the lands appertaining to the College and of S^r John Byron Knight, are almost worn forth, Wherefore the Jury doth humbly beseech the Right Rev. Father, their very good lord, and his fellows, to have a special regard unto the premises, and to confer with S^r John Byron Knt., for putting of meyres in their right and ancient places.

[1584, April ; in English, spelling modernised and verbiage shortened].

A true presentment of all such things as we the Jurors

hereunder written do find fault worthy by virtue of our oaths taken before the Right Rev. William, Bishop of Chester and Warden of the College of Christ in Manchester, at the late Courte [Court Leet] *holden at the Chappell of Newton* the xxviith day of April, 1584, and before Sir Edmund Trafforde, steward of the same Court—

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| John Whytworthe | } Jur'. | Hughe Hall | } Jur'. |
| Jefferey Hall | | Nicholas Bowker | |
| Edward Bordman | | John Smythe | |
| Randall Kempe | | Raphe Barne | |
| Rodger Smyth | | James Dawson | |
| Richard Whitworth | | Richard Bexweeke | |
| Otes Bordman | | Nicholas psuall | |
| Thos. Kenion | | James Barlowe | |
| Hughe Hartley | | | |

Those that make default in not appearing and we amerce them in xij*d*. a peece.

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| Robarte Holme, gent. | Edward Syddall, gent. |
| Thomas Hall th' elder. | George Keniane, gent. |
| Henerye Cheetam, gent. | |

We find due to the Lord for an Incroachment on the Common by Richard tharpe of faylesworthe, xls., and, for that he has builded upon the incroachment, we order it to be laid to the Common by Sainte James day next, sub pena xls.

William Lorte, incroachment of the Common at his lane end, presented before and not yet amended, due xxs.; same order, sub pena, xxs.

Thomas Lomas, incroachment on Newton Heath, and hath builded thereupon two sundry houses, presented, and not amended, forfeited xls.; and same order, sub pena, xls.

Isabell, late wife of Adam Holland, deceased, hath built a house and a barn, and part of them stand on Newton Heath, with a large incroachment before them, and shuld have laid out the same before Christmas 1582, and is not yet amended, We find due to the lord *vi*l*i. xiijs. iiij*d*.*, and order it shall be laid out before St. James day next, sub pena *vi*l*i. xiijs. iiij*d*.*

An incroachment upon the Common, near to the house of Richard Travis, made by Raphe Kulchith decesed, ordered to be laid out by Wm. Kulchithe, gent., who shulde have laid open before Christmas, 1582, we find due xls., and same order, sub pena xls.

[The presentment of waste of ground within the Park of Clayton repeated].

Richd. Heape hath built a smythe house upon the lords waste joining to the Common, which house he saith he was licensed to build by Sir John Byron, Knight, and to pay to the said Sir John xij[d.] yearly for the same.

Since the last Court, William Lorte hath made a new incroachment upon the Common before his house, and hath enclosed same with hedge and pale; order to be laid open as heretofore, before St. James day, sub pena xs.

We have great wrong by certain neighbours of ffaylesworth, Wm. Smythe, Richd. Cloughe, Raphe Tharpe, Thos. Worthyngton and James Travis the youngest, which do not only put their cattell upon the Common but also keep them upon the Common, contrary to all right, We amerce every one of them, for every time so offending. in iij[s. iiijd.]

It was ordered that the persons above-named should not put any catells unto the Common upon payne of iij[s. iiijd.] We find the persons have forfeited the several sums to the lord.

We order that every one of these persons above-named and divers others of Failsworth, Drylsden, and the Woodhouses, namely Raphe Smythe, Hughe Marler, Richd. Clayton, Richd. Travis, Francis Kempe of the Woodhouse, Nicholas Clayton Thos. Hyll of the Millne Houses, Hugh Gilliam John Hall and Robarte Cloughe of Drylsden, Ralphe Burdsell Wm. Travis, Charles Walker and John Bexweek, iij[s. iiijd.] for every fault to be forfeit to the lord.

A leache, commonly called the Roughe leache, at the house end of Hugh Travis, where a platt of stone [see the finding at the Court in 1530] hath been made by Hugh Travis, Raphe

Barne, Thos. Hall, Stephen Hulme, Hennery Ainesworth, Thos. Becke gent., and Robart Holme gent., which plat being now in great decay, We order the platt of stone shall be repaired substantially before St. James day next, under payne of every of the above-named to pay xij*d.* to the lord.

Thomas Burdsall doth permit and suffer a course of water to run from the accustomed place to the great annoyance of his neighbours, and all others that have occasion to traville that way, and we amerce him in vjs. viij*d.* if not turned into his right place and so kept before St. John the Baptist.

The Jury doth find a dunghill before the barn door of Robt. Hulme, gent., which doth greatly annoy all the neighbors near adjoining and all others that travel that way, which we order to be removed from the said Lane, and to lay-no more there, nor none of his, before St. Bartolmew day next, nor at any time hereafter, under payne of vjs. viij*d.*

A ditch of said Robt. Hulme doth greatly annoy the highway for want of ditching at Marled Earthe Yate, to be amended before Midsomer day next, sub pena ijs.

A lane of Thomas Rediche's, belonging to him and to his daughter in law Margery Redige, leading from his house to Bradford Mill, which for lack of ditching and shifting of slydden yearthe, is very noysome to all that hath recourse that way to the Mill, to be amended before Whitsundaye next under payne of vjs. viij*d.*

A lane belonging to John Kenion is very noysome to the travailers that way; to be substantially amended before mydsomer day next, or else to turn the way on the other side of the house, as it hath been accustomed to be, before Whitsuntyde next, under payne of vjs. viij*d.*

A lane between John Kenion and Nicholas Baguley is very noysome to the travailers that way; to be amended by Baguley before the Nativity of our Saviour Christ next, sub pena ijs. iiij*d.*

[In Latin :—*This Copy agrees with the Court Book word for*

word for these last orders above written, Examined by the Deputy Charles Leigh. See Court held in 1620].

A platt in Pinke Panke Lane in Kerdmanshulme is much decayed ; to be sufficiently repaired by Rodger Kenion, Richard Bexwicke, Robart Leighe, and Raphe Marler, before mydsomer daye next, under paine of vjs. viij*l*.

The Jury doth find, by the credible report of divers and sundry persons of honest behaviour in the towne of Kerdmanshulme, that the wife of Raphe Marler is a common drunckard, and a woman that in her dronckennes do much molest her neighbours with revyling and reprochfull words, the punishment whereof we refer to your good discretion.

A brawl was made in the Chappell yarde at Newton Heathe upon the one and twentieth day of April, 1584, by Wm. Lorte and James Mumfard against Nicholas Dunckarley, whereby Nicholas had a blow on the brow given him by James Mumforde. for which we amerce William Lorte and James Mumforde to pay every of them xij*l*.

James Anderson and Thomas Anderson his brother made a brawl upon John Hall about mydsomer last in Newton, We amerce every of James and Thomas in xij*l*. a peece.

Whereas there is a controversie concerning a way to the grounds of Robarte Leighe and Richard Bexwicke ; order either of them shall drive to their own grounds for necessities' sake as oft as need shall require, so that neither of them drive purposely to annoy one another, but shall drive equally, according to the quantitie of their several grounds.

Birlamen for Newton.
Stephen Hulme, *jur.*' (sworn).
John Keniane, *jur.*'

Birlaman for Kerdmanshulme.
Richard Bexweeke.

Manor 1585, Nov. 8. [In Latin]. Court with view of
of Newton. Frank pledge of the Reverend Father William,
Bishop of Chester Warden and the Fellows of the
College of Christ in Manchester, held at Newton
before Sir Edmund Trafford steward there.

Enquiry taken on the oaths of

| | | | |
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| John Whitworth | Otho Bordman | } | Sworn. |
| Geoffrey Hall | John Kenyon | | |
| Robert Leighe | Hugh Hall | | |
| Edward Bordman | George Reddiche | | |
| Ranulph Kempe | Ralph Whitworthe | | |
| Roger Smythe | John Smythe | | |
| Hugh Hartley | Ralph Barne | | |
| Rich. Whitworthe | James Dowson | | |
| | Nich. Baguley | | |

Who say upon oath as follows :—[In English]

Sr John Byron, Knt., for that he was called at this Leete Courte to appear and made default, Therefore he is himself in mercy *xijd.*

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|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Willm. Culcheth, gent., for the like, | <i>xijd.</i> |
| Edward Syddall, gent. | „ <i>xijd.</i> |
| George Kenyon, gent. | „ <i>xijd.</i> |
| Henry Chetham, gent. | „ <i>xijd.</i> |
| Henry Aynesworth, gent. | „ <i>xijd.</i> |
| Stephen Hulme | „ <i>xijd.</i> |
| Hughe Travys de Ancotes | „ <i>xijd.</i> |

[Abbreviated and spelling modernised].

George Travys is dead since the last Court, and George Travys is his eldest son, and of full age to do his suit and service, and occupieth one tenement in Newton, but [whether] by lease from the College, or from Sr John Byron, Knt., the Jury do not know, neither by what rent or service.

Nicholas Bowker is departed since the last Court, and John Bowker is his eldest son and of full age, and occupieth one tenement in Newton by lease granted by Mr. Thos. Hearle late Warden and Fellow *xiiijth* June in tenth year of Her Majesty's reign made to John Whitworth for *xxi* years, from the death of Nicholas, And is assigned over by John Whitworth to John Bowker, and holden for the yearly rent of *xiijs. viij^d.*, and suits and services due and accustomed.

Robert Hulme, gent., is departed since the last Court, and Raphe Hulme is his eldest son now living, and of full age, and holdeth of the College two messuages in Newton, one called *Pedley's Place* by lease made by Mr. Lawrence Vause late Warden and his Fellows, xxth Sept. in the fifth and sixth years of the reign of King Phillippe and Queen Marie, for three score and ten years, from decease of Robt. Hulme, And his rent by year is xxxjs. and to do other services due and of right accustomed And the other tenement, late in the occupation of Stephen Browne by lease dated xvijth February in sixth year of Queen Elizabeth, made by Hearle late Warden from Easter one thousand five hundred and seventy unto thende of xxj years, And his rent by year is vjs. viij*d.*, And to do other services due and accustomed.

There is no Crownet¹ within the Lordship of Newton, therefore the vill is in mercy xs.

The Jury do present for [Sabbath] Bowling, John Whitworthe, Otes Bordman, Nicholas Baguley, Adam Holland, Raphe Hall, George Holland, Hughe Thorpe, Richard Johnson, Raph Hylton, and Nicholas Barlowe ; each in mercy vjs. viij*d.*

The highways were not amended upon the Court day but sythence the same be amended.

Richard Heape hath builded a Smythie upon the College land being as we verily do think part of Newton Heath to the annoyance of all the tenants of Newton, in mercy vs.

Richard Thorpe hath inclosed upon Newton Heath in length by estimation thirty and six yards, and in breadth about seven footes, and hath set a barn upon part of the Incrochment, in length by estimation eleven yards, and in breadth about six footes, to the great annoyance of all the tenants of Newton, and Richard hath forfeited 40s. at the last Court for not laying open ; order to lay abroad before Philippe and Jacob next, sub pena iiij*li.*

¹ If this was not a net for catching crows, which is not very likely, it may have been some piece of armour, or a cornet, coffin or chest for township use. Crowboys used to have slings, or bows, or clappers, not nets.

Newton Court.

Willm. Lorte hath incroched upon Newton Heath and hath set his barn at the north end, by estimation ten footes, and in length about twelve yards, And at the south end about ten footes, and hath likewise incroched two little gardens, in length by estimation twenty and four yards, and in breadth about four yards and a half, And hath furthermore incroched upon the same heath, in length about twenty and four yards, and in breadth about seven yards, at the yate leading to John Bradford's house.

Willm Lorte was presented the last Court for inclosing part of the said incrochments, and hath forfeited xxs.; order to be cast open before Phillippe and Jacob, sub pena xls.

Thos. Lumas hath an old house, and a parcel of land, by estimation thirty falls [perches] which is an old Intacke, And sythince the taking in hath set a cow-house and a bowking-house upon same, and builded a new house containing three bays, Whereof half a bay and more is upon a new incrochment and the rest of the new house upon the old intacke, And Thomas hath made a pool upon the heath, And was presented the last Leete Court and hath forfeited xls.; order to lay open before Phillippe and Jacob, sub pena iiij*l*.

Agreed lately wth } Isabell Hollande widow hath
Mr. Warden and y^e Fellows. } made or caused to be made a
certain incrochment upon Newton Heath, and builded part of a
house and part of a barn upon same, now in the occupation of
George Holland, and containeth in length by estimate three
score yards, and in breadth about twelve yards, And the
dwelling house is in length nineteen yards, and breadth nine
footes, And one barne, in length by estimation seventeen
yards, and in breadth three yards, and was presented at the last
Leet Court for all the premisses, And ordered to lay open
before St. James day, sub pena six pounds xiijs. iiij*d*. forfeited;
order to lay open before Phillippe and Jacob next, sub pena
vj*l*. xiijs. iiij*d*.

An old Incrochment upon the Heath by Raphe Culchethe,

gent., deceased, at the house of Cycelie Travys, widow, in length five and twenty yards and in breadth by estimation three yards, And order made at last Court upon payne xls., forfeited ; order to be cast open before Phillippe and Jacob, sub pena iiij*li*.

Touching the house late William Walker's, which was in controversie betwixt Willm. Walker and Willm. Culcheth, gent., they [the Jury] do think that the most part thereof doth stand upon the College land, which seemeth to be an old incroachment inclosed before the time of any of their remembrance, And the Jury present that John Smethurst, tenant to Willm. Culcheth, hath within this six months last builded a new house of one bay, the most part whereof standeth upon Newton Heath, And do americy John Smethurst for same offence in xxs.

Willm. Smythe of ffaylisworthe hath broken the soil upon Newton Heath and carried the same earth away; in mercy xs.

Gilbert Smythe, son of James Smythe of Drylesden, hath broken the soil of Newton Heath, and also dolven certain slodds [shallow trenches like cart ruts, which were called sloods] upon the same Heath; in mercy iijs. iiij*d*.

William Lorte hath broken the soil upon Newton Heath and carried from thence certain gravell away to his own use; in mercy iijs. iiij*d*.

Willm. Smythe, Richd. Cloughe, Raphe Thorpe, Thomas Worthington, and James Travys the younger, of ffaylesworth, do not only put their cattell upon the Common, but also keep them upon the same, contrary to right use and custom, We amercie everie one of them in vjs. viij*d*.

Richard Ogden of Moston surchargeth the Common with moe [more] cattell than the quantity of his ground doth require, We amercye him in xs.

The heirs of Robt. Cleyden for incroching so [me] what upon the College land parcel of Raphe Hulme's fferme called the Marled Earthe We order the heirs do set the hedge in the old and right course before Easter next, sub pena xxs.

Raphe Hulme for keeping a ditch at the Marled Yearthe yate

greatly noysome to the highway, for lacke of ditching, which was amerced at the last Court in ijs., forfeited; order to be amended before Phillippe and Jacob, sub pena iijs.

Stephen Hulme for not cleansing his ditch in Netloom [Nettle-hulme?] lane, nor setting the quickwood in the course, to the annoyance of Henry Aynsworth; order ditch to be cleansed, and hedge set in the right course, before the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Marie, sub pena xs.

One barn in Newton now in the occupation of Elizabeth Beeche, widow, is not tenantable; order to be amended before Phillippe and Jacob, sub pena vjs. viij*d*.

Elizabeth Beeche for not cleansing a ditch near to her house end in Newton, which ditch would draw the water forth of a lache lying upon the north side of her house; order to be amended before Phillippe and Jacob, sub pena iijs. iiij*d*.

Elizabeth Beeche for keeping two other ditches at the head and side of Massy Croft, in Newton, noysom to the way, because not scoured; order the hedges to be fallen, and both ditches ditched and scoured before Phillippe and Jacob, sub pena iijs. iiij*d*.

The Jury do present that every one of themselves have offended, in wearing of silk facings within their hats, against the Statute made in the xxiiijth year of the reign of King Henry the eighte and in the second year of Queen Mary, Notwithstanding the Queen's Majesty that now is, by her most gracious proclamation given at Greenwich the xvth of June in the xvijth year of her reign, hath qualified the extremity of both the same laws in these words, videlicet, Note that her Ma^{tie}'s meaning is not by this order to forbid in any person the wearing of silk buttons, the facing of coats, cloaks, hats and caps, for comeliness only, with Taffeta, Grogreyne, velvet or other silk as is commonly used.

There is great waste of ground within Cleaton park [etc.]

Afferors. John Whitworthe, Jeffrey Hall.

Bylawmen. Adam Holland, James Dowson.

1586, October 20. View of Frank Pledge [Same Latin heading as Court in Nov., 1584].

Enquiry taken by the oaths of:—

| | | |
|-----------------|-------------------|--------|
| Geoffrey Hall | Otes Bordman | |
| Adam Holland | John Kenion | |
| Edward Bordman | Hugh Halle | |
| Ranulph Kempe | George Rediche | Sworn. |
| Rodger Smithe | Ralph Whitworth | |
| Hugh Hartley | John Smithe | |
| Richd Whitworth | Ralph Barne | |
| Stephen Hulme | Nicholas Bagulaye | |

Who say upon oath as follows:—

These persons underwritten have made default in appearance we amercie every one ijs.

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|-------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Sr John Byron | The heirs of Mr. Boothe |
| The heirs of Sr Wm. Boothe | of Barton |
| of Dunhame | Thomas Strangwaies, gent. |
| Wm. Kulchithe, gent. | Raundell Winenton, gent. |
| George Keniane, gent. | Edward Syddall, gent. |
| Hennerie Cheetame, gent. | Thomas Becke, gent. |
| William Ractliffe (sic) gent. | Richard Hunte, gent. |
| John Marler, gent. | Richard Smetherst, gent. |
| Richard Chadwicke, gent. | Hughe Traviſſe, gent. |
| Raphe Hulme, gent. | John Whitworthe |
| Thomas Hollenworthe | Vxr Stephen Beeche |
| George Birche, gent. | Thomas Marcrofte, gent. |
| James Smithe | |

[Note. These apparently embrace the tenants of Yield house and Deansgate and perhaps Kersall, besides Newton and Kirkmanshulme].

The Jury doth present for bowling John Whitworth, Otes Bordman, Nicholas Baguley, Adam Holland, Rauffe Hall, George Holland, every one in xij*d*.

Richard Heape was amerced the last Court in vs. for building a smithye to there [their] Judgement upon Newton Heathe, We find that [sum] due, and amercie him in xs.

Richard Thorpe for encroachment on the Heath, having

built a piece of a barn upon it, and not amending ^{*}same, *iiij*/*li* due to the lord; order to be amended before Phillipe and Jacob, sub pena *vli*.

William Lorte, for encroachment and built a piece of a barn, *xls.* forfeited to the lord; order to be amended before same feast, sub pena *iiij*/*li*.

Thos. Lomas for encroachment and built certain buildings as a cow house, a bowking house, and part of a dwelling house, and making a pool, *iiij*/*li* forfeited; order to be amended before same feast, sub pena *vj*/*li*.

Thos Lomas for making of a dobe-hole upon Newton Heath, and broken the soil since the last Court; we amercie him in *vjs. viii*/*d*.

An encroachment made by Isabell Holland, and amerced in *vj*/*li* *xiijs. iiij*/*d*., forfeited the value and length and breadth set down in the last Court Roll, George Holland shall take some order before St. Michael th' Archangel, so as both the lord and the tenants may be satisfied, sub pena pulling down the hedge to the heath, or else to forfeit *vij*/*li*.

The Jury hath from Court to Court, presented an old encroachment, made by Raphe Kulchithe, gent., at the side of Cislle Travis house, and we find *iiij*/*li* forfeited by the last Court, and order to be amended before St. Phillip and Jacob, sub pena *vli*.

John Smetherst was amerced the last Court both for incroching and buildinge in *xxs.*, We find that due and further amercie him in *xls.*

James Butterworth hath made an incroachment into the mouth of an old pitt lying upon Newton Heath, and also John Smetherst hath made a ditch upon the Heath, and turned the water forth of it old course since the last Court; order to be amended before the Annunciation of our Lady next, sub pena of either of them, *iijs. iiij*/*d*.

Wm. Smithe, Richd. Cloughe, Raphe Thorpe, Thos. Worthington, and James Travis the younger, and Richd. Travis

of feylsworthe^{*} were presented the last Court, for both putting their cattle to Newton Heath and geatinge them there, in vjs. viij*d.* a piece, We find that forfeited, and, for that they have done it since, we amercie every one of them in vjs. viij*d.* more.

Waste of ground in Cleaton Park, we find not to be amended.

Upon Easter day last there was a brawl upon Newton Heath being the iij^d day of April betwixt the sons of Raphe Smithe, as John Smithe and Adam Smithe, upon Richard Clayton the younger, being all of faylesworth, which Richard Clayton had a bloodwype [blood drawn], We present them in vjs. viij*d.*

The wife of James Dowson, by honest report given to the Jury, is a polterer [*palter*, to prevaricate, or *polter*, otherwise *potter* about, to idle].

The wife of Nicholas Joneson hath made an encroachment before her door, and made a ditch, and set a pale upon the same, and lay her dung-hill in the lane, so that it doth marre the same lane, that there is hard passing; order ditch to be ditched, so as the water may go from the dung-hill, and to lay encroachment to the lane, before Phillipe and Jacob, sub pena **xs.**

Elizabeth Beeche, widow, presented for not ditching a ditch, that would draw the water from a lache, on the north side of her house, iij*s.* iiij*d.* lost to the lord; order to be amended before Phillipe and Jacob, sub pena *vs.*

The Jury the last Court hath found that there was two ditches, one at thende of Mase-crofte and thother at the side, which Elizabeth Beeche doth not amend, iij*s.* iiij*d.* forfeited, And there is another, between the Long Croft and the Kiln Croft; order hedge and ditch and thother abovesaid to be scoured, and the latter ditch to be both fallen and ditched, before Phillipe and Jacob, next, sub pena vjs. viij*d.*

Whereas Hennerie Aynesworth doth find fault with Stephen Hulme for putting in the hedge in upon his land, it is not fault to be found with, as we think.

A ditch, that lyeth from the lane that come[th] from

Bradford Milne, and goeth along into the midst of Whytecrofte Medowe, is unscoured, to the great annoyance of neighbors; order to be amended before Phillipe and Jacob next by these that have the ground, as Raphe Hulme, gent., Thomas Rediche and John Kenion, sub pena every one iijs. iiij^d.

Bylawmen John Bowker and George Rediche, sworn xxjth November, 1586.

1596, April 20.

Newton. View of Frank pledge with Court of John Dee, Warden, etc. Before Gilbt. Sherington, Esq., steward there.

Jurors' Names.

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| Roger Smythe | | John Hulme | |
| John Whytworth | | Richard Whytworth | |
| Adam Holland | | John Kenyon | |
| Randle Kempe | | James Dowson | |
| Edward Bordman | | George Reddich | |
| Ralph Whytworth | Sworn. | George Barne | Sworn. |
| Hugh Hartley | | | |
| Thomas Bewrdsall | | | |
| Hughe Hall | | | |

[Spelling modernised.]

Richard Whitworthe is deceased since the last Court, and, by virtue of lease Raphe Whitworthe his is (*sic*) tenant in his place, and hath a lease for three lives, whereof one is dead.

Stephen Hulme is deceased, &c., and, by a lease Robart Hulme his son is tenant in his place, and hath a lease for three lives.

Raphe Barne is deceased, etc., and, by a lease George Barne his son is tenant, and hath a lease for three lives, whereof one is dead.

Raphe Whitworth is deceased, &c., and, by a lease Richd. Whitworth his son is tenant, and hath a lease for three lives, whereof one is dead.

Edmund Chaderton, gent., hath shewed unto them an Indenture, made by Wm., late Bishop of Chester, and late Warden, and the Fellows, of four fields, called Syddall Fields, for xxi years from the x. . December [1594] in xxxviij yere of the Queen's Majesty that now is, yielding yearly xijs. rent.

Thomas Hall is departed since the last Court, and John Hall is his son and tenant to the College of one co[ttag]e in Newton, of xij*l*. yearly rent, at the will of the lord.

Thomas Hall is departed since the last Court, who had a lease, of the last Warden and Fellows, of his tenement in Newton, for xxi years from xxvth December [1590] in xxiiijth year of the Queen's Majesty that now is, the reversion of which lease he hath left to his w[ife], who hath passed over the same to Jeffery Hall [interlined—during the rest of the yeres, saving two closes, Thomas passed to the father of Richard Whitworth and to his assigns; and cancelled—which Thomas hath no children living, but had three sisters, who are now living, which two sisters, after the expiration of the said lease (are) next (of kin) to the said Thomas Hall by blood, as the said Jury take].

Robert Ogden is departed since, &c., and Edmund Ogden is his son, but whether his lease is for years or lives the Jury know not.

Elizabeth Beeche, widow, is deceased, and [Thomas?] Haughton hath married her daughter, and hath a lease of the tenement in Newton [called] Pendleton's for three lives.

[Endorsed]. John Smythe of Newton be departed since, &c., and Hughe Smythe is his son, and is in custody of Thomas Smythe, his father's uncle, who hath taken a lease, in the behalf of Hughe, for xxi years, granted under the chapter seal by the last Warden and Fellows.

Encroachments sundry times presented but no reformation had; order that Rycharde Heape, Richarde Thorpe, Willm. Lorte, Thomas Lomas and George Holland, shall lay the encroachments open to the Common before the Nativity of St. John Baptist, sub pena every one xs.

Also an old encroachment, made by Raphe Culcheth, gent., deceased, upon Newton Heath, not yet reformed.

And that John Thorpe, son of Rychard Thorpe, hath builded a cowhouse to the side of his father's barn, which cowhouse doth stand upon Newton Heath, and John hath made a small bay, and set part of same upon Newton Heath; Order to be taken down and laid to the Heath as before, betwixt this and Nativity of St. John Baptist, sub pena xs.

That Thomas Lomas hath made two newer encroachments upon Newton Heath, the one at the west end of his house, containing about xl yards in length and four in breadth, and the other on the south part of his house xij in length and iiij in breadth; we order before St. John Baptist to lay open, sub pena xs.

John Smythe hath made a certain encroachment, since the last Court, upon Newton Heath, containing by estimation xx yards in length and xij in breadth; we order to reform and lay open before St. John Baptist, sub pena xs.

Great waste of land within Cleaton Park [&c., as before].

The widow of Arthur Younge for an encroachment in Newton Lane for a bowling allaye, and hedged and ditched; order to be laid open before St. John Baptist, sub pena xls.

Rychard Hodgkynson hath made an encroachment in the lane, between the house of Nicholas Baguley and Newton Heathe; order to reform same before St. Michaell tharchangell, in such sort as shall be thought good by the discretion of the Jury, or the more part of them, sub pena xs.

Ranulphe Kempe, Constable of Newton, doth present, that viijth February [1595-6] in xxxviijth year of the Queen, James Gee servant to Jeffrey Hall of Newton, made an assault upon Raphe Bowker of Newton, and broke his head and drew blood; James [is] in mercy vjs. viij*d*.

That vth February in the 38th year, &c., Ryc' Hill of Moston thrower; Anthony Bery of Manchester [joiner, cancelled] butcher, did play at the bowls on Newton Heathe, contrary to lawe.

George Thorpe and Raphe Hill of Newton, James Meanforte of Moston, and Arthur Cloughe of ffeylesworthe, did play at the bowls on Newton Heath, but the day he certainly remembereth not.

The turf-house and barn of the tenement in the tenure of George Travis of Manchester in Newton, is in decay; we order to repair before St. Martin the Bishop in Winter, sub pena xxs.

Robert Ogdeyn deceased, in his lifetime, took down a house and a barn in Newton, and hath builded only a barn; therefore the Jury doth think it convenient that the widowe of Robert, or his son, or whosoever shall have right to the tenement, shall either build a new house, or take such course with the College, as they may be satisfied.

John Hill, alias Banck-heade, doth harbor and lodge vagabounds and other ill-disposed persons, and keepeth an Inmate [lodger] in his house [who may become chargeable to the Poor Rate]; therefore the Jury amercy him in iij*s*. iiij*d*.

PART II.

From 1620 to 1691, and from 1843 to 1903.

[Heading in Latin, the rest in English, spelling modernised and verbiage shortened].

Newton to wit } Court with view of Frank Pledge held there
Michas 1619. } 12 October, 1619, before Charles Leigh, steward.

Names of the Jurors for the lord King within Newton :—

Robart Baguley
John Whitworthe
Adam Holland
Adam Hall
Hugh Hartley
Ralph Whitworth
Thomas Kempe

Robart Bewrdsall
Adam Holland, junior
Geo. Barnes
Ralph Sharpulls
Hugh Boardman
Geo. Thorpe

Sworn.

And the Jurors aforesaid elect Constables, namely :—Adam Holland, Edward Hollins.

Affeerors of the Court :—Ralphe Whitworthe, Adam Hall.

Edward Hollins is tenant for the land he lately purchased of James Andrew, and ought to do suit and service, and he came and did fealty, and is admitted tenant, and ought to pay for the lands *x*d.** per annum, at the feast of the Nativity of the Lord.

William fletcher is tenant for one cottage and one garden [and] a little backside in Newton, which he holdeth by lease for divers years yet unexpired, made by Doctor Murray, and pays per annum, *xij*d.**

Fined *xij*d.** each for non-appearance :—

S^r John Byron, junior, Knt. ; Thomas Chernocke, Esq. ; Adam Byram, gent. ; Daniell Hoppwoodd, gent. ; George Kennion, gent. ; John Houghton ; John Kennion ; Robert Wooffenden ; Hughe Smithe, thelder ; James Chetham, gent. ; William Leaver, gent. ; Robart Becke, gent. ; Adam Holland, junior ; James Andrew.

George Bowker is departed [this life] since the last Court Leet, and Robart Bowker is his eldest son and tenant in his stead, compounding with the Warden and Fellows for his tenement in Scotland within Newton.

Geo. Rediche is departed since last Court, and Oates Boardman is tenant in the right of his wife, agreeing with the lord as aforesaid.

Richard Hodgkinson is departed, and Raphe Hodgkinson is his son, and under age, and tenant in his stead, agreeing with the lords.

Hughe Smithe of [Newton] lane side is departed since last Court, and hath left a wife and two daughters, who do occupy the tenement, but are to agree with the lords.

Mr. John Haughton and widow Hall presented for not keeping their housing in tenantable repair ; order to repair sufficiently before 24 of June, sub pena either of them *xs.*

The house and barn late John Dawson's is very far in decay, and one little Eelinge [aisle] is fallen down ; order the occupants of the ground to the same tenement, viz :—Raphe Whitworthe, Hughe Hartley, and Geo. Thorppe, shall amend before 1st of May, sub pena every one of them *xs.*

At our laste Court holden at Newton the last day of

September, 1612 [the Record is otherwise lost], Rich. Heape, John Thorppe and Willm. Lorte, were ordered to lay open incrochments to Newton Heath, before the feast day of the Birth of our Lord God next after, but have not reformed, the Jury do find every one of them to owe to the lord vjs. viij*d.*, and order they shall lay open same before the Birth of our Lord, sub pena every one of them in xs.

Isabell, the widow of Richard Lorte, was ordered at aforesaid Court to lay open a incroachment whereupon part of her house standeth before 25 December sub pena xiiij*s.*, but hath not ; we find Isabell to owe xiiij*s.*, and order her to lay open before xxth January, sub pena xvs.

At the last Court Richard Kennion at that time tenant to Sr John Byron, but at this present time tenant to John Whitworthe, was ordered to lay open to Newton Heath certain incrochments, lying to his house, before the birth of our Lord, sub pena x*s.*, but doth continue ; he owes x*s.* ; order him to lay open before xxth January, sub pena xvs.

Richd. Heape, John Thorpe and Wm. Lorte at our last Court were ordered to surcease putting their cattle to Newton Heath, sub pena ii*s.* iiij*d.* a piece, but do continue ; every one of them do owe ii*s.* iiij*d.* ; order they shall not put their cattle any more to pasture on Newton Heath, sub pena every one x*s.*

These persons have trespassed in putting their cattells to Newton Heath, viz :—John Bradfford, Saml. Smythe, Adam Baguley, Geo. Thorppe of Moston, Robart Rodley of Manchester, by or near Collihurste, and John Smithe of ffailsworthe ; we amerce every one of them in xij*d.*, and order that they suffer their cattell no more to trespass to Newton Heath, sub pena every one vjs. viij*d.*

At the last Court Geo. Thorppe was ordered to lay open certain incrochments to Newton Heath before xxvth of December next, sub pena x*s.*, but doth not ; G. T. doth owe x*s.* ; order to lay open before xxvth December, sub pena x*s.*

John Baguley hath made incroachments on Newton Heath



since the last Court; order him to lay open before xxth December, sub pena xvs.

George Baguley the like, sub pena vs.

About the first of August last, Edmund Marler of Kirdmanshulme at Newton, within the jurisdiction of the Court, did stab James Bewrdsall in his neck with a dagger and did draw blood; therefore the Jury do amerce him in vjs. viij*d*.

Robart Jacksonne hath incroched on Newton Heath, and builded a porche thereon; order to lay open before first of May, sub pena ijs.

John Whitworth hath converted or suffered to be converted a piece of a barn into a cottage, wherein Robarte Jackson dwelleth, part whereof standeth on Newton Heath [Note in Latin :—This presentment is improperly made, and not to be presented at this Court].

Robarte Bowker hath converted part of his barn to be a dwelling house, and received a tenant thereinto, since the last Court.

Margaret, the widow of Richard Whitworth, her barn is not in tenantable repair; we order that she make it in good repair before xxiiijth of June, sub pena xs.

[In Latin.] A true copy agreeing with the Roll and Book of the Court aforesaid and examined by me, John Leighe, bailiff of Newton and the Manor aforesaid.

M^d that it appeareth in our Court Book the xxth of April in the 41th year of the reign of Elizabeth [1599; the Record of this Court is lost] that, whereas John Smith was presented the Court before for an incrochment, that now is reformed according to the order, and so continueth.

Itm that in the now Court Book [and see last item, showing that there were volumes in which the proceedings were entered from these drafts], viz:—from Mr. [Warden] Dee his time till the last Court holden in the year 1619, I do not find that John Smith is not [*sic*] presented for any default but only this presentment aforesaid, and therefore it is apparent that the last Jury did

present Robarte Jackson and Jo[hn] Whit[worth] rather of malice than any true matter.

Endorsed :—Ane order betwixt Robert Baguley and John Whitworth and others conserninge the lane to Bradford Milne, with a Court Roule.

Newton, 1631. Court with view of Frank pledge of the Venerable Richard Murray, Warden, &c., at Newton Chapell within the Manor of Newton, on Thursday, 12 October, 1631, before Richd. Haworth, Esq., steward.

Names of the Jurors for our Lord the King :—

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| Robarte Baguley is sworn [as foreman] | Hughe Smythe | |
| (1) ¹ Richard Whitworthe junior | Adam Smythe | |
| (1) George Holland | Raphe Kenyon | |
| (1) Adam Holland | Adam Hall | } Sworn. |
| (1) Richd. Whitworth senior | Henry Houlte | |
| (1) John Hartley | Nicholas Barlowe | |
| (1) Hughe Boardman | Edward Sheppard | |

Bylawmen :—Hugh Boardman junior, Randle Kempe, Sworn.

Constables :—James Kempe, Thomas Fletcher.

[The Court was adjourned to] xv December [1631].

Book of Tenants in *Newton* [in Latin].

Humfrey Chetham, Esq. ; (a) ¹ Robert Becke, gent. ; (a) Richard Whitworth, junior, gent. ; James Chetam, gent. ; (a) George Kenyon, gent. ; Willm. Leaver, gent.

Book of Tenants in *Deansgate*, [eight names follow].

Freeholders in *Newton*.

Humfrey Chetam, Esquier ; Robert Becke, gent. ; Richd. Whitworth, junior, gent. ; Mr. Chernocke.

Kersall : James Chetam, gentleman ; Mr. George Kenyon ; Willm. Leaver, gent. ; Mr. Ravalde.

¹ The meaning of this figure or mark “1” against fourteen of the names, and “a” against three is not stated. The individuals marked (1) were probably the Jury at the adjournment or next Court.

Newton: Robart Baguley; Richd. Whitworth, junior; George Holland; Rychard Whitworth, senior; Richard Graunteham; Robert Hulme; John Hartley; Hughe Smyth; Raphe Kenyon; Edward Bordman or his sonne Hughe; Adam Holland; Nicholas Barlowe; Adam Hall; Henry Houlte.

Kirdmanshulme: Rychard Marshall; Hughe Kenyon; Thomas Travis of the Yeldhouse [in Rusholme]; Roger Bexwicke.

[The above entries are succeeded on a separate page by the following entries]—

Artillarie [for practice by archers] is not kept in the lordshipp according to the statute in that case provided.

Wee likewise fynd that certen yong men have not taken their oathes for their allegiance within this lordshipp.

The Newton Court Baron was held on October 23, 1632, and was adjourned till December 13, 1632, but the Court Roll has not been preserved. The following memorandum has survived, also a reference to the proceedings in the Roll of the next Court, September 5, 1633.

xiiij^o die Decembris, 1632.

Ricardus Whitworthe, junior, Johannes Hartley, Ricardus Graunteham, these three Jurors appeared not.

[In Latin.] For want of appearance by the three Jurors aforesaid the Court stands further adjourned to the xxi day of December, 1632 instant, at the dwelling-house (*domum mansionalis, sic*) of Elizabeth Byrom, widow, situate in Salford, and this adjournment is made at the request of the Jurors who have appeared.

Newton, 1633. [In Latin.] The Court Baron of the Venerable Richard Murray, etc., Warden etc., held at the dwelling-house of George Holland in Newton, within the Manor of Newton, on Thursday, 15 Sept., 1633. Before Richard Haworth, Esq., steward.

Jurors' Names.

| | | | |
|-----------------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|----------|
| John Hartley | | Robert Hulme | |
| Adam Hall | | James Holland | |
| Ranulph Kempe | | Thos. Fletcher | |
| Hugh Bordman | | Ralph Hodgkinson <i>alias</i> | |
| John Bourdsell | } Sworn. | Johnson | } Sworn. |
| Ralph Kennion | | Adam Bordman | |
| George Barnes | | Thos. Wooffenden | |
| Ralph Sharples <i>alias</i> Fogge | | James Frierson | |
| | | | |

Names of Tenants in *Newton*.

Thomas Chernocke, Esq., in right of Bridgette his wife; Humfrey Chetam of Clayton, Esq.; (1)¹ Richd. Whitworth, gent., for Culcheth; Elizabeth Thorpe, widow, essoined (excuse made) for suit of Court by John Hartley; Robert Becke, gent.; John Andrew.

Kersall: James Chetam, George Kennion, Willm. Leaver.

Names of Tenants in *Newton*.

(1) Robt. Baguley; (1) Richd. Whitworth, junior; (1) George Holland; (1) John Hartley; Richd. Whitworth, senior, is excused for suit of court by John Hartley; James Holland; (1) Adam Hall; Richd. Whitworth is excused etc. by John Hartley; (1) Ranulph Kempe; (1) Ralph Kennion; (1) Ralph Johnson *alias* Hodgkinson; (1) Robt. Bowker; (1) Hugh Bordman, senior; (1) Hugh Bordman, junior; (1) John Bourdsell; (1) John Woodd; (1) Margaret Whitworth, widow; (1) Adam Bordman; (1) Thos. Fletcher, in right of wife; (1) James Kempe; (1) Nicholas Barlowe; (1) Ralph Sharples *alias* Fogge; (1) Geo. Barnes; (1) Robt. Hulme; Henry Houlte is out of the country and therefore pardoned; Thomas Smythe; (1) George Baguley.

Names of Tenants in *Kirkemanshulme*.

Richd. Marshall is excused etc. by John Leighe; Roger Beswicke is excused etc. by Roger Beswicke his son; Hugh Kennion is excused etc. by John Parsiual; (1) Ralph Marler; (1) John Parsivall; Joseph Kennion is excused etc. by Adam Hall; Thomas Traves of Yeldhouse [in Rusholme].

Names of Tenants in *Deansegate*² [thirty names follow].

¹ There are thirty-one names so marked, and as they tally with those of persons who were not fined for non-appearance, and who did not essoin, the mark denotes that the person was present when the Roll was called over.

² The Deansgate items from these Records appear in the *Transactions of the Lancs. and Ches. Antiq. Soc.*

Nineteen persons fined for non-appearance *xijd.* each.

At the last Court, Oct. 23, 1632, Anne Heape, Geo. Heape, John Thorpe and Mr. George Gee [minister] were ordered to lay open encroachments to Newton Heath before May 1, sub pena each *xxvs.*, but they have not; therefore every of them owes *xxvs.*; Order to lay open before May 1, sub pena every of them *xxxs.*

Samuel Hort [Lort?] keepeth in possession a certayne incroachment encroached from Newton Heath, he therefore doth owe *xs.*; the same order, sub pena *xvs.*

The widow of James Baggeley (sub pena *xxxs.*); Richd. Kenione (sub pena *xxvs.*); and Widow Thorpe (sub pena *xxxs.*) for like defaults and continued encroachments ordered to lay open, sub pena *xxxvs.*, *xxxs.*, and *xxxvs.*

John Thorpe and George Heape were ordered to surcease putting chattles unto Newton Commone, sub pena *xxs.* each.

Hugh Bordman was ordered to surcease putting any more then foure kine, both yonge and ould, and one hogge unto Newton Heath or any waste ground hereunto belonging, sub pena every month *vjs. viijd.*, but hath not att all ceased to surcharge the Common and he owes five marks; Order to surcease sub pena every month *vjs. viijd.*

John Thorpe and Geo. Heape were ordered to repair a dawb hole which they had made beneath the smithy, tending to the hurting of the highways, sub pena *vjs. viijd.*, but have not; Order to repair before midsommer next sub pena *10s.*

John Bowker was ordered to lay open encroachments unto Newton Heath sub pena *xijd.*, but hath not; Order to lay open before May 1 next, sub pena *1s. 6d.* [A Deansgate item follows].

James Andrew hath encroached on Newton Heath for which we amersey him in *ijd.*, and order him to lay open betwixt this and May 1 next, sub pena *6d.*

Edmund Buckley and Geo. Beardsell have surcharged the Common; the Jury amersey either of them in *xijd.*, and order them to surcease, sub pena both *6s. 8d.*

Nicholas Barlow hath made encroachments, they amersey him in 6*d.*; order to lay open betwixt this and May 1 next, sub pena xij*d.*

Richd. Bradshaw [*alias* Chaterton, inserted], doth put his horses to pasture on Newton Heath, they amersey him in xij*d.*; order to surcease putting any chattles unto Newton Heath, sub pena 6*s.* 8*d.*

Richard Marshall doth let some part of his housing upon the College land go to decay, they amersey him in 2*s.*; order to repair betwixt this and May day next, sub pena 10*s.*

Roger Bexwicke doth let down some part of his housing, they amersey him in 12*d.*; same order, sub pena 6*s.* 8*d.*

Widow Marler doth let down to decay her housing, they amersey her in 2*s.*; same order, sub pena, 10*s.*

There is a way in Kirkmanshulme far out of repair, the which way Roger Bexwicke, Hugh Kenione, Richd. Marshall, Raph Marler and Joseph Kenione ought to have repaired; the Jury amersey every one of them in xij*d.*; order to repair sufficiently as heretofore it hath been for cart and carriage passable, betwixt this and Midsommer next, sub pena every one of them that makes default x*s.*

The Jury find Adam Holland of Hulme deceased since the last Court, and James Holland his eldest son to be at full age, and tenant in his stead.

James Roscow hath alienated his state to Thomas Wofenden, and we find Thomas Wofenden tenant in his stead.

The Jury find Hugh Smith of the [Newton] Lane Side, deceased, and Thomas Fletcher, tenant in his stead in right of Alice his wife.

Thos. Smith doth let down some of his housing, we amersey him in xij*d.*; order to repair before May 1 next, sub pena x*s.*

Thos. Smith hath made waste in selling timber off the lord's land unto Raphe Bowker of Bradford; the Jury doth amersey him in x*x**s.*; and for selling timber off the College land to Thomas Bradbury of Collihurste, we amersey him in x*x**x**s.*

Hugh Smith, deceased, and Thomas Smith, his son, have sold some buildinge off the College land ; we amersey Thomas in xxxs. ; and he hath sold timber from off the College land to Thomas Becke of Manchester ; we amersey him in iiis. iiij*d*.

Richd. Thorpe of Manchester, for that he putteth his horses unto Newton Heath, we amersey him in 2*s*. ; order henceforth not to put any horses to Newton Heath, sub pena *x*s.

John Trause for fleeing [cutting sods off] the lorde's soil on Newton Heath ; we amersey him in 6*s*. 8*d*.

[In Latin]. Manor of Newton, } Court Baron of the Venerable
with Members in co. Lanc., } Richard Heyrick, Warden, etc.,
April 1642. } held at Newton on Tuesday,
April 19, 1642, before John Lightbowne, vtter Barrester,
steward of the said Court, and Robert Baguley and Ralph
Kenyon, suitors of the same Court.

Names of the Jurors for the Lords of the Manor :—

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Robert Baguley | George Barne |
| Adam Hall | Henry Holte |
| Ralph Kenyon | Roger Beswick |
| Ralph Johnson <i>alias</i> Hodgkinson | Hugh Kenyon |
| John Bewrdsell | John Parcivall |
| Adam Bordman | Thomas Traves. Sworn. |

[Abbreviated and translated]. Fined for non-appearance :—

Humphrey Chetham, Esquire ; Thomas Chernock ; [Thomas ?]
Ratclyffe, Esq. ; James Chetham, gent. ; George Kenyon, gent. ;
Willm. Leaver, gent. ; Willm. Hulme, gent. ; Geoffrey Croston, gent. ;
John Hartley ; Thomas Smithe ; Ralph Marler ; Alice Marler, widow ;
Joseph Kenyon ; [francis ?] Torkynton ; Edward [Prestwich, baronet ?] ;
Cecil Trafford, knight ; Adam Byron, gent. ; francis Mosley ;
..... Whitworth ; Thomas Birch, gent. ; George Proudlove, gent. ;
D ; Robt. Chadwick, gent. ; Hugh Smethurst ;
..... [parchment frayed into a hole].

Pleas there, namely :—

Richard Heyrick, Warden and Fellows, etc., plaintiffs against
George Baguley of Newton, Dyer, in a plea of trespass on the
case, etc., v*j*s. ; Defendant admits liability ; Judgment for
Plaintiffs.

Same versus Nicholas Barlowe de Newton, h[usbandman], like plea, xijs., vjd. ; Defendant admits ; Judgment for Plaintiffs.

Same versus Roger Beswicke de Kirkmanshulme, yeoman, like plea, xxs. ; Defendant admits ; Judgment for Plaintiffs.

Same versus Ralph Marler and Alice Marler his mother, like plea, xxs. ; Defendants say they did not promise, and put themselves on the country, and the Plaintiffs likewise.

Willm. Gooden of Ardsall in co. Lancaster, yeoman, versus Adam Bordman of Newton, yeoman, like plea, xijd. ; Continued [till next Court day].

Names of the Jurors between the parties aforesaid :—

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| Robert Hulme | Geo. Barne | Thos. ffletcher |
| Adam Hall | Henry Holt | Robt. Bowker |
| Ralph Johnson, sen. | John Farcivall | John Andrew |
| John Buerdsell | Thos. Travis | George Baguley |
| | | Sworn. |

The Jury find that Ralph Marler and Alice Marler promised, and Plaintiffs recover xxs. [Two Deansgate items follow].

There have been divers incroachments in and upon Newton Heath and the delinquents have been in sundry years past greatly fined for their contempt in that behalf by sundry former Juries and no redress hath been had or made ; therefore the Jury refer the consideration to the Warden and Fellows. [A Deansgate item follows].

Manor of Newton, } [In Latin.] *Court Leet and View of*
 Oct. 1648. } *Frank Pledge* of Warden Richd. Heyricke
 etc., held at Newton on Wednesday, Oct. xx, 24 Car. I. Before
 John Lightbowne, Utter Barrester, steward of the Court.

Names of the Jurors.

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|------------------|--------|---------------|--------|
| Richd. Whitworth | Sworn. | Thos. Holte | Sworn. |
| Geo. Holland | | Adam Bordman | |
| James Hulme | | George Hulme | |
| Ralph Kenion | | Edwd. Barne | |
| Joseph Kenion | | Jas. Frierson | |
| Roger Beswick | | Thos. Watson | |
| John Burdsell | | Edwd. Bordman | |
| Hugh Kenion | | | |

[In English.] The Jury doth elect for this year to come :—

Constables : Edward Wroe, James Kempe, sworn.

Mislayers : Raphe Kenyon, Geo. Hulme, sworn.

Bylawmen : Adam Bordman, Thos. Holte, sworn.

The steward of this Leet doth fine George Hulme being present in Court for contemptuously refusing to take his oath for the office of Mislayer in five pounds, and doth order him to be at the house of Anne Hulme, widow, in the Deansgate in Manchester, upon pain of other five pounds, upon Saturday the eight and twentieth day of this month, to take his oath at two o'clock in the afternoon, unto which time and place this Court doth adjourn.

[In Latin.] At which day the said George Hulme was sworn into the said office.

[In English.] And the Jury did appear and did present these persons for not appearing and did fine them *1d.* a piece, viz. : Wm. Pycroft, Wm. Pendlebury, Wm. Soundiforth, and Wm. Dyson.

Manor of Newton, } [In Latin.] *Court Baron* [same heading].
Oct. 20, 1642. } Before the steward and a suitor of the same.

Names of the Jurors for the said divers Manors. [The same fifteen persons as were on the Court Leet Jury.]

This Court was adjourned to Saturday, viz. xxviiij day of October instant, at the dwelling house of Anne Hulme, widow, in Manchester, in the Deansegate.

[In English.] At which time and place the Jury did appear and present these persons being Fee Farmers for their contempt in not appearing, and do amerce them severally as followeth :—

The heirs of Thos. Chernock, Esqr. in ijs. ; John Andrewe, gent., xij*d.* ; Edmund Buckley, gent., ijs. ; James Chetham, gent., ijs. ; Geo. Kenion the elder, gent., ijs. ; The heirs of Wm. Leaver, gent., ijs.

The Jury do also present the tenants of Newton, Kirkmanshulme, Geldhouse, Deansgate, and Salford, hereafter named for

their contempt in not appearing and do amerce them severally *xijd.*

Jas. Buerdsell; Thos. Smith; John Baguley; Wm. Bradley, gent.; Sr Edwd. Mosley, Barronet; Sr Cecill Trafford, Knt.; The heirs of Adam Byrom, gent.; The heirs of Edwd. Walker, gent.; Daniel Hopwood, gent.; Raph Chadwicke, gent.; Hugh Smethurst, gent.; Raphe Seddon, gent.; The heirs of Edwd. Shepard, gent.; Richard Ryton.

Nicholas Dawson for fleeing and burning the lord's soil upon Newton Heath, *xijd.*

James Stocke of Failsworth for putting his cattle to Newton Heath, *xxs.*

For encroaching upon the lord's waste:—

Adam Smith, Raphe Thorpe, Edw. Gee, *iiijs.* each; Anne Baguley, widow, *iiijs.*; Saml. Thorpe and Nicholas Cooper, *iiijd.* each; Geo. Thorpe, *ijs.*; and John Gilliam, *viijs.*

The Jury do present Humphrey Chetham, Esquire, for diverting and turning the River of Medlock out of his right course and for keeping and possessing five acres and three roods of the College land wrongfully without any lease as we conceive, and altering the meares and boundaries, and cutting down the College timber, and obstinately withstanding the paying of his proportionable layes and taxes, therefore we order he shall show how he hold the same upon or before the next Court day at Newton, upon pain of *xxs.*

We do find these persons to be tenants to the College:—Mr. John Whitworth, Dorothe Bordman, Anne Hulme, George Thorpe.

John Leigh hath a grant and patent under the hands of Richard Murray, D.D., Francis Torkington and Wm. Bourne, Warden and Fellows, and under their Chapter seal, bearing date *viiij* November, 1622; We approve him to be lawful baylifte of the College during his natural life according to his patent and ought to officiate the place.

The Jury do present Joseph Kenion for not ditching in the highways[at Kirkmanshulme] betwixt Stopford [Stockport] and Manchester to the number of 160 roods.

Wm. Pycroft for laying dung in the highways to the annoyance of passengers.

James Taylor for not ditching in the Pink-Pank lane to the number of four roods ; John Taylor for not ditching in the same lane, ten roods ; Roger Beswick for not ditching twixt the Cowhey and the lane that leads to Gorton, ten roods ; James Taylor for not ditching twixt the Pinckpank lane and meadow lands, twelve roods ; James Taylor for not ditching in the Crofte whereby the pitt in the field is stopped to the annoyance of the highway, five roods.

James Taylor for not repairing of housing of Rodger Beswick to the value of 10s.

Raphe Marler for stopping a watercourse twixt Roger Bexwicke and him self.

Raphe Marler, and his mother Alice Marler, for not ditching twixt Hugh Kenion and themselves in the meadows, six roods.

Raphe Marler for not ditching twixt Hugh Kenion and him-self between the Barsat, two roods ; and for not making a yate between Rodger Beswicke and himself which Hugh Kenion hath a gate through.

Raphe Marler and his mother for not ditching in the Pinckpanck lane betwixt Hugh Kenion[s] Cowhey and the Crea-foote and the line [lane?], twenty roods.

Raphe Marler and John Taylor for not ditching and paving the way to the Ten Acre Leach and his mother Alice, four roods.

Raphe [Marler] and his mother for not paving anent their barn to the great trouble of their neighbours, two roods.

Raphe Marler and his mother Alice for not repair of their housing to the value of [blank].

Raphe Marler for not ditching the lane anent the Cowhey which [lane] leadeth to Gorton, ten roods.

The heirs of John Percivall for not keeping their housing in repair.

All the aforesaid persons shall ditch their ditches and repair

their housing in pain of *1d.* a rood, And Raphe Marler and his mother shall repair their housing in pain of *xls.* a piece upon or before *xxv* March next.

Manor of Newton, } *Court Baron* of Nicholas Stratford,
 April 25, 1670. } Warden, etc., held at Newton on
 Monday, 25 April, 22 Car. II. Before Nathan Leach, gent.,
 steward of the Court, and suitors of that Court.

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| Jurors:— | Edward Wroe | Thomas Beswicke |
| | Humfrey Chetham | Raph Worsley |
| | John Andrew | James Hilton |
| | Thos. Kempe | Robt. ffittcroft |
| | John Kenyon [sic] | Abraham Clegg |
| | Ralph Johnson | Thos. Kirke |
| | John Bowker | Lawrence Gardner |
| | John Whitworth | Sworn. |

Fined for not laying open Incroachments :—

John Heape, *iiijd.*; Heir of Kath^e. Lort, *ijd.*; James Butterworth, *ijd.*;
 Otho Boardman, *ijd.*; Raph Thorpe, *ixd.*; James Baguley, junr., *js.*;
 Mr. John Gilliam, *ijd.*; Heir of Edwd. Gee, *iiijd.*; Wm. Sandiford, *ijd.*;
 Alce Hall, wid., *ijd.*

Fined for not appearing :—

James Chetham, Esq., *js.*; Heirs of Thos. Chernocke, Esq., *js.*; Geo. Kenyon, gent., *js.*; Mary Hiett, widow, *iiijd.*; Thos. Holland, clerke, *ijd.*; Heirs Edw. Mosley, Bart., *js.*; Cecill Trafford, Kt., *js.*; James Leuer, gent., *js.*; Jas. Johnson, *js.*; Thos. Birch, gent., *js.*; Heirs Geo. Proudlove, *js.*; Ralph Seddon, *js.*; Peter Leigh, Esq^r., *js.*; Edwd. Bootle, *vjd.*; Richd. Haworth, Esq^r., *js.*; John Keye, *vjd.*; Henry Dickonson, *vjd.*; Joseph Leech, *vjd.*; William Shawe, *ijd.*; Otho Boardman, *ijd.*

Whereas a ditch belonging to John Johnson betwixt his Snailles Hill and the Ten Acre Lane doth much annoyance for want of being cleansed, we order him to ditch before 10th June next, sub pena vs.

Whereas a parcel of Newton Common is overgrown with gorse, the Jury do consent that Thos. Kirke of Manchester may rid up and carry away the same, paying vs. to the Constables, to be laid out upon repair of the pinfold in Newton.

Mr. Ralph Worsley is dead since the last Court, and his grandson Ralph Worsley is his heir and of full age, and is to come in to do his suit and service at this Court. [Two Deansgate items follow].

Newton Manor, } *Court Baron* of Warden Stratford, etc.,
October 20, 1670. } held at Newton, on Thursday, 20 October,
22 Chas. II. Before Nathan Leech, gent., steward, etc.

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| Jurors :— | { | Edwd. Wroe | Robt. Boardman |
| | | Humfrey Chetham | Nicholas Ryder |
| | | John Partington | Adam Boardman |
| | | John Kenyon | Edwd. Barnes |
| | | John Johnson | Thos. Holte |
| | | John Whitaker | Hugh Kenyon |
| | | Willm. Shawe | Sworn. |

Fined for incroachments :—as in April, 1670, but fines vary, Adjourned till Saturday, 29 October instant, 1 o'clock at Thomas Kirke.

Endorsed :—Whereas Samuel Smith of ffailsworth did plow up certain roods square of ground upon Newton Common, and afterwards with cart and horses did carry away the furrows ploughed up, we do amerce him xxs. [A Deansgate item follows].

[With the above Roll there is preserved the Precept for levying £3 3s. 7d. amount of fines imposed at the Court].

Newton Manor, } *Court Baron* of Warden Stratford, etc.,
October 19, 1671. } held at Newton on Thursday, 19 October,
23 Charles II. Before Nathan Leech, steward, etc.

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| Jurors :— | { | Wm. Williamson | John Buerdsell |
| | | Thos. Baron | Joseph Leech |
| | | Thos. Kempe | Richd. Taylor |
| | | John Whitacker | John Bowker |
| | | Robt. Boardman | Wm. Pycroft |
| | | Edwd. Barnes | Wm. Shaw |
| | | Thos. Holte | Sworn. |

Adjourned to Thos. Kirke's house in Manchester, till 28th Oct^r. instant, eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

Round Croft and the Long Croft^r belonging to Mrs. Hartley.

[Heading in Latin, translated, spelling modernised, verbiage abbreviated].

Manor of Newton } *Court Leet* or View of Frankpledge of
October 8, 1677. } Warden Stratford, etc., held at Newton
on Monday, the 8th day of October, 1677, before Nathan Leech,
gent., steward.

Names of the Jurors :—

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| John Buerdsell | John Bowker | } Sworn. |
| Joseph Leech | Robt. Boardman | |
| Thos. Kempe | John Whittaker | |
| John Kenyon | John Boardman | |
| John Andrew | James Taylor | |
| Raph Johnson <i>alias</i> Hodgkinson | Hugh Kenyon John Herd | |

^rThese two fields formed part of "Dawson's Tenement" and "Hartley's Tenement" (*see* Chapter on Places, *ante*), and this memorandum refers to some dispute that came before the Court, between Mrs. Hartley and a neighbour with G for the initial of his name. There is a rough plan drawn on the record, showing Newton Lane running from left to right, with Mrs. Hartley's "Long Croft" on the upper side of it, and her "Round Croft" lying behind her Long Croft, further back from the road. Opposite these a short road from Newton Lane slanted downwards to the right, ending in a small circle.

To the right of Mrs. Hartley's Long Croft was a small field, marked "G. Outlane Croft," with a lane dividing it from Mrs. Hartley's Long Croft for part of the way, and then taking a turn to the right and passing through a narrow field, marked "G. Lower Croft," to another narrow field marked O. These fields, O and G's Lower Croft, adjoined Mrs. Hartley's Round Croft, and on their upper side was G's Lower Field, and to the right of all these there lay a large field marked "G. Longe Croft," with a roadway running through it from Newton Lane and curving to the left through G's Lower Field as if forming a means of access to the back of Mrs. Hartley's Round Croft. It looks as if Mrs. Hartley wished to claim a shorter and more convenient right of way to her Round Croft through G's Outlane Croft, instead of the longer way through G's Long Croft and G's Lower Field, and possibly G sought to force her to pass to her Round Croft through her own Long Croft, which would be even shorter than approaching it by way of G's Outlane Croft. Possibly at some former time these fields were all undivided, forming a Common Field called Long Croft.

We elect to be Officers for the year ensuing :—

Constables :—John Kenyon, Henry Holt for Joseph Leech.

Mislayers :—Thos. Kempe, Henry Holt.

Bylawmen :—William Joanes, James Cowper.

Pinner :—John Bowker.

We amerce these persons for not coming to do suit and service :—

James Chetham, Esq^r., iij*s*.; The heirs of Thomas Charnock, Esq^r., iiij*s*.; Wm. Walker, gent., i*s*.; Geo. Kenion, gent., i*s*.; Heirs Wm. Lever, gent., i*s*.; Heirs Thos. Beck, gent., i*s*.; Jas Jackson, ij*d*.; Roger Beswick, ij*d*.; Raph Worsly, gent., iiij*d*.; Thos. Travis, ij*d*.; Jas. Hilton, ij*d*.; Abraham Kenion, clerke, ij*d*.; Isaac Goodier, ij*d*.; Heirs Edwd. Mosley, Bar^t, iiij*s*.; Edmund Trafford, Esq^r., iiij*s*.; Jas Lever, gent., iij*s*.; Jas Johnson, gent., i*s*.; Thos. Birch, Esq^r., i*s*.; Heirs of Geo. Proudlove, gent., j*s*.; Michael flitcroft, iij*s*.; Heirs Thos. Leigh, Esq^r., iiij*s*.; Henry Dicanson, iiij*s*.; Anne Nield, widow, ij*d*.; Thos. Warrington, iij*s*.; Edmund Nield, j*s*.; Edwd. Bootle, iiij*d*.; Thos. Kirke, iiij*d*.; John Lightbowne, gent., j*s*.

We amerce these for not laying open certain Incroachments according to former order :—

John Heap, ij*d*.; The Heirs of Edward Gee, ij*d*.; Jas. Baguley, vj*d*.; John Barron, j*d*.; Raph Thorpe, iiij*d*.; Wm. Sandiforth, ij*d*.; Mr. Wm. Walker, j*d*.; Mr. John Gylliam, iiij*d*.; Alice Hall, ij*d*.; Jane Boardman, j*d*.

A ditch belonging to Mrs. Barron coming down the middle of the Yarn Croft doth greatly annoy the King's highway; order to cleanse before 30th November, sub pena xxx*s*.

Thomas Birky hath turned the water out of the ancient course to the annoyance of the King's highway; order to turn the water into the ancient course, before 1 January, sub pena xxx*s*.

We order the ensuing Constables to repair the stocks, and erect a pillory, and to defray the charges in the next common lay.

A writ of certionari [in Latin] dated Nov. 16, 1677 (30 Car. II.), is preserved with the Newton Court Rolls. It is directed to the steward of the Court Lete or view of Frank

Pledge for the Manor of Newton, or Court Deputy, commanding him to appear at Lancaster on the first day of the next Assizes, and produce the Court record of the appointment of Humfrey Chetam of Newton, to be one of the Constables for the township of Newton. It is endorsed by Nathan Leech the steward, "allocatur" (it is allowed).

Manor of Newton, } Extract [in Latin; the record of the
October 14, 1678. } Court is otherwise lost] of all and
singular fines and amerciements forfeitures and presentments at
the Court Baron of Warden Stratford, etc., held at Newton on
Monday, 14 October, 1678, before Nathan Leech, gent., steward.

This is a precept to the Bailiff and Minister of the Court that he distrain: For not appearing:—

[The same as in October 1677, but Richd. Grantham in place of Ralph Worsley; after James Hilton, Richard Pycroft; for James Lever, gent., Mr. Robert Lever; before Michael Flitcroft, Mr. Raphe Seddon, ijs.; for Thomas Warrington and Edmund Nield, John Hore; after John Lightbowne, Wm. Sharrocke, ijd].

For encroachments:—

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| Raph Thorpe, iijd. | John Heap, ijd. | Heirs of |
| Jas. Baguley, vjd. | Mr. Wm. Walker, jd. | Edwd. Gee, ijd. |
| Mr. John Gilliam, iiijd. | John Barron, jd. | Mr. Robt. Wilson, ijd. |
| | Jane Boardman, jd. | Wm. Sandiforth, ijd. |

[Not added up nor signed].

c. 1680? Names of freeholders, tenants and inhabitants within Newton et Kersall:—

James Chetham, Esq.; Heirs of Thomas Charnock, Esq., cancelled; Rich. Brook, Esq., interlined; William Walker, gent., cancelled; and Heirs of William Walker, gent., Tho. Walker, clerk, inserted; Essoined (excuse made) by Jo. Jackson; Humfrey [cancelled, Edwd. inserted] Chetham, gent. [cancelled, Esq. added; Essoined by John Whittaker]; Heirs of Alice Hall, wid, cancelled, and James Lightbowne, Esq^r., substituted; John Andrew, exc[used]; [Heirs of, prefixed] Ralph Arderne, gent.¹; George Kenyon, gent.; Rawstorne Lever, gent.; [Heirs of John, cancelled; William, substituted] Beck, gent., exc[used].

¹ About 1680 Mr. Raph Arden of Newton had a daughter baptised at Newton Chapel, and in 1709 a son of Mr. Raph Arden of Newton was also baptised there.

The Tenants in Newton.

Anne Baguley, wid.; Roger Taylor, essoined by Rich. Hall, essoined by Tho. Boardman; Willm. Williamson, gent., essoined by Edw. Boardman; John Hartley, essoined p Jo. Whittaker, excused; [Martha, cancelled; James, substituted] Holland [wid. cancelled]; essoined p Jo. Buerdsell; Edwd. Wroe, gent.; Thos. Kempe; Thos. Alston, essoined p Edw. Boardman; John Kenyon; Ralph Johnson; John Johnson, excused; John Bowker; Robt. Boardman; John Whittaker; John Buerdsall; Benjamin Baron, clerk; essoined p Jo. Whittaker; essoined p John Fletcher; Adam Boardman, cancelled; John Boardman; Richd. Grantham, essoined p Tho. Birky; Japeth Hulme; Thos. Hulme; John Hadfield, essoined p Edw. Barnes; Edwd. Barnes; Henry Holte; Joseph Leech, essoined p Tho. Barnes; Sarah Boardman, wid., excused.

Names for Kirkemanshulme, Yeildhouse, and Salford.

James Taylor; Roger Beswick, essoined p James Taylor; Hugh Kenyon; Edward Ashton, essoined p Hugh Kenyon; Richd. Pycroft; Ralph Worsley, gent.; Thos. Beswick, essoined p Edw. Beswick; Willm. Worthington, essoined p Edw. Beswick; Thos. Traves; Edwd. Beswicke; Heirs of Robert Burdett, Esq; James Hilton; Ralph Livesley; Willm. Shawe; Abraham Kenyon, clerke, exc[used].

ffranck Ne[Freeholders] in le Deanesgate¹ [twelve names].

Names for Deanesgate [tenants] upon demise [eleven names].

Names of Inhabitants within the View of ffranck Pledge.

Joseph Hill [pauper cancelled]; John Jackson; James Baguley; John Sandiforth, excused; Joseph Kenyon; John Berry [pauper, cancelled]; Henry Kempe; Edmund Grundy, excused; John Boardman; James Cowper; James Jackson; Ralph Berry; James Dunkerley [pauper, cancelled] excused; Edwd. Boardman; Thomas Birky; Joshua Thorpe; Jeremiah Kempe; Joseph Birkye; Willm. Sharrocks; Peter Drinkwater; John Fletcher, essoined p Jo. Whittaker; Thomas Berry, essoined p Jo. Whittaker; John Wyld; Willm. Joanes; Thomas Greaves; John Andrew; Robt. Jackson, essoined p Jo. Whittaker; John Grimshaw, excused; John Wyat; John Aspinall; Adam Baguley; John Boardman, sen.; Adam Boardman; John Boardman, jun., essoined p John Kenyon; Jona Booth. pauper; Richd. Thorpe; Robt. Bancroft, essoined p Jo. Whittaker; John Rowbothome; Thomas Worrall; Robt. Boardman.

Newton Manor, } *Court Baron* of Warden Stratford, held
October 9, 1682. } at Newton 9 October, 34 Car. II. [1682],
before James Lightbowne, Esq., steward.

¹ See footnote *ante*, p. 80.

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| Jurors:— | Mr. Wm. Williamson | Henry Holte |
| | Mr. Jas. Holland | Hugh Kenyon |
| | Mr. Roger Taylor | Richard Pycroft |
| | Mr. Edwd. Wroe | Wm. Worthington |
| | [John Boardman, cancelled] | Edwd. Beswicke |
| | John Kenyon | Joseph Bexwicke |
| | Japhett Hulme | Sworn. |
| | Edwd. Barnes | |

Fined for Incroachments:—John Heape, *ij*d.; Edwd. Gee's Heirs, *ij*d.; Raph Thorpe, *ij*d.; Wm. Walker's Heirs, *ij*d.; Robt. Wilson, *ij*d.; Jas. Baguley, *ij*d.; John Baron, *jd*.; John Sandiforth, *jd*.; John Gilliam, *ij*d.; Jas. Jackson, *ij*d.; Jane Boardman, *jd*.

There is a house [at Kirkmanshulme] consumed by fire, belonging to Mr. Burdett as having a lease upon it, and was by former verdict [the record is otherwise lost] ordered to rebuild, sub pena 50*li.*, which as yet lies waste; in mercy 50*li.*

We order Mr. Wright [Robert, cancelled] Burditt to rebuild before 20 April next, sub pena ten *li.*

Fined for not appearing:—twenty-eight persons.

[A precept for levying the above fines is with the Court Roll].

Newton, October 9, 1682. *Court Leet.*

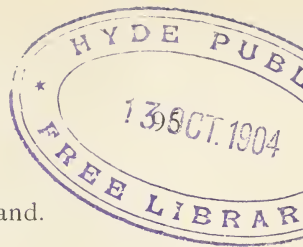
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| Jurors:— | { | Mr. Wm. Williamson | Edwd. Barnes |
| | | Mr. Jas. Holland | Henry Holte |
| | | Mr. Roger Taylor | Hugh Kenyon |
| | | Mr. Edwd. Wroe | Richd. Pycroft |
| | | John Boardman | Wm. Worthington |
| | | Japhett Hulme | Edwd. Beswick |
| | | Joseph Birkey | Sworn. |

Order. Mr. James Holland and John Neilde to come in at y^e jerment [adjournment] of y^e Court, and there to take their oaths for serving y^e office of Counstables for Newton for the year ensuing, or to bring in sufficient persons for to take their oaths for serving the said office.

Myselayers:—John Jackson, Edwd. Barnes.

Byelawmen:—Robt. Boardman, Thos. Worrell.

Newton Court.



Pinner :—John Bowker.

Constables :—John Wyld p Mr. James Holland.

John Neild (p Mrs. Adame).

Order. Mrs. Adame shall within one week next find a sufficient person to serve the office of Constable for her house in Newton by way of house Rowe [a custom by which the head of each house in turn served the office], and such person to go within the time aforesaid before some Justice of Peace, to take his oath to serve the office for the year ensuing upon paine of *vli*.

“Newton Court, 1683.” [This endorsement is apparently of later date].

Names of Tenants, Inhabitants, Freeholders, etc., in Newton Manor :—

Newton :—Anne Baguley; Roger Taylor, essoined by R. Halle; Edwd. Barne; Japhet Hulme; Thos. Hulme; John Buerdsell; John Bowker; Adam Boardman; John Boardman de Adeam, essoined, J.P.; Robt. Boardman; James Holland, gent.; John Hartley, essoined p John Birky; Benjamin Baron, clerke, essoined p J. Robothom; Edward Chetham, Esq.; Mary Adams, widdow; John Neild, essoined p Jo. Sandiford; Henry Holte; Thos. Birkey; Eliz. Smith, wid., essoined; Jas. Lightbowne, Esq.; Joseph Holland; Tho. Kempe, essoined p writing; Peter Drinkwater, excused; Mr. Wm. Williamson; Mr. Edwd. Wroe, essoined p J. Bowker; Mr. Joseph Leese; Raph Hodgkinson, essoined Johnson; John Kenyon, sen.; John Kenyon, jun., essoined p N. Ryder; John Boardman; Nicholas Ryder; John Jackson; James Baguley, essoined p J. P.; John fletcher, essoined p J. Robothom; Robt. Bancroft, essoined p John Birkey; John Sandiford; Edmd. Grundy, excused; Mary Kempe, cancelled; Jane Boardman; John Bury, excused; John Grimshaw; Thomasin Robinson; Thos. Wrightson, cancelled; Jeremy Bury; Raph Bury; John Wyld; Joseph Hill, excused; Wm. Shawe; Richd. Hall; Joseph Birkey; John Baguley; Joseph Kenyon; Robt. Jackson; Jas. Chetham, Esq.; Wright Burdett [Esq., cancelled], essoined p J. P.; Lawrence Lever, cancelled; Rawstorne Lever, gent.; Wm. Beck, gent., essoined p J. P.; Mary Hiett; The Heirs of Wm. Walker; Mr. Thos. Alston; John Gilliam, gent.; George Kenyon, gent.; Heirs of Thos. Charnock, Esq.; Heirs of Thos. Leigh, Esq.; Raph Seddon, gent.; Heirs of Raph Arderne, gent.; Raph Worsley, gent., essoined p J. P.; Thos. Travis; John Hopwood, Esq., essoined p J. P.; Jas. Lever, gent.; Heirs of

Geo. Proudlove, gent., essoined p J. P.; Peter Rawlinson, excused; Mary Butler, wid., essoined p J. P.; Martha Rylance, essoined p J. P.; Mr. Edward Gathorne, essoined p J. P., Kirkmansholme; Jas. Taylor; Hugh Kenyon; Isabell Kenyon; Thos. Beswick; Edwd. Beswick; Richd. Pycroft, essoined p Jas. Taylor.

Manchester :—Henry Kirke; Robert Leaver, Esq.; John Herd; Mr. Thos. Drinkwat^r; Mr. Jno. Oldfeild; Mr. John Lightbowne; Jane Haworth; John Barlow, essoined p J. P.; Mr. Edw^d. Bootle, essoined p J. P.; Mr. Matthew Bootle, essoined p J. P.; Leftwich Oldfeild, Esq.; Thos. Warrington; Tomas Rothwell; Anne Neild, essoined p J. P.; Edmd. Trafford, Esq.; Heirs of S^r Edwd. Mosley, Barr^{tt}; Michael Flitcroft, gent.; Thos. Birch, Esq.; Jas. Johnson; Lawrence Gardner, essoined p J. P.; James Hilton.

Newton, } *Court Leet* of Warden Stratford, held
 April 13, 1683. } at Newton on Friday, 13 April, 1683,
 before Jas. Lightbowne, steward, etc.

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| Jurors :— | Mr. Thos. Drinkwater | John Herd |
| | Mr. John Leech | Thomas Beswick |
| | Mr. James Taylor | John Jackson |
| | John Buerdsell | [Nicholas Ryder, |
| | Thos. Birkey | cancelled] |
| | [Thos. Kempe, cancelled] | Jeremiah Kempe |
| | Thos. Rothwell | John Bowker |
| | Robt. Boardman | Joshua Thorpe |
| | | Sworn. |

Adjourned till Saturday, 21 April inst., at the house of James Bolton, innkeeper, in the Deansgate in Manchester, to two of the clock in the afternoon.

Fined for not appearing :—thirty-seven persons.

Fined for not opening incroachments :—eleven persons as before.

Order. The present Constables to repair the Pinfold, and the Miselayers to consider the same in the Layes.

The Highway [Newton Lane] is something out of repair; Order the present Overseers to repair the way before 29 Sept. next; Likewise it is agreed that the causey shall be enlarged and made broader to the Lane leading to Mr. James Holland's house, sub pena xxs.

There is a breach of the hedge, and the bank slidden into the way leading to Bradford, belonging to John Boardman, to the prejudice of the way; order to make up the breach before 20 May, sub pena, vs.

There is a ditch belonging to John Boardman, lying in a side lane, lying betwixt Mrs. Adams' house and John Boardman's house, which is hurtful to the way; order to cleanse before 20 May, sub pena vs.

The like orders for a ditch belonging to Mr. Jas. Holland, lying on the other side of the lane, lying betwixt Mrs. Adams' house and John Boardman's house, and for a ditch belonging to Japheth Hulme, lying on the side of Newton Lane, and a ditch belonging to John Boardman, lying betwixt a place called Boardman's Green and Newton Heath.

Newton, April 13, 1683. *Court Baron.*

Jurors as at Court Leet of same date.

Adjourned to Jas. Bolton's house in the Deansgate, xxi April. [Two Deansgate items follow, see note *ante*, p. 80].

Elizabeth Smith hath taken a lease from the College formerly belonging to Richd. Grantham; order Elizabeth Smith to come and do suit and service.

Esther Williamson hath taken a lease from the College; order to come, etc. [Two Deansgate items follow].

[Order. John Walker of the parish of Ashton to show a deed to the steward of the Court, *cancelled*]. It is desired by the Jury for the steward to inquire of John Walker to shew his deed he hath touching the charge he is hereby obliged to pay towards the repair of the highways in Manchester and Newton.

Newton Court, October 10, 1683, James Lightbowne, steward.

Two precepts for fines, one for non-appearance, the other for encroachments. The names for not appearing are the same as in 1682, with the addition of :—Heirs of Wm. Walker; Heirs of

Thos. Charnock, Esq.; Thos. Hulme; James Taylor; Roger Beswick; Wm. Worthington; Richd. Thorpe.

Newton Call Book, April, 1684 [compare the List in 1680.]

Names of freeholders, Tenants and Inhabitants, *infra*¹
Newton et Kersall.²

James Chetham, Esq.; James Lightbowne, Esq.; Richard Brooke, Esq.; [Hered, Willi, cancelled, Thomas, inserted] Walker³; Edward Chetham, Esq. ass[oined] p Mr. Pearson; John Grimshawe; Heirs of Ralph Arderne, gent., assoined p J. Jackson; George Kenyon, gent.; Rawstorne Lever, gent.; [Willm. Beck, gent., cancelled]; [Oswald Moseley, Esq., inserted].

The Tenants in Newton.

Anne Baguley, wid.; [Heirs of, *prefixed*] Roger Taylor⁴ [dead, *affixed*]; Willm. Williamson, gent., excused affidavit p Robt. Boardman; John Hartley, essoined p John Birkey; James Holland, gent., essoined p John Wyld; Edwd. Wroe; Thos. Kempe; Thos. Alstone; John Kenyon; John Johnson; John Bowker⁵, excused because he is ill; Robt. Boardman; John Boardman; Elizabeth Smith, essoined p Tho. Roebboth; John Hadfield, affidavit p Mr. Pearson, essoined Jos. Robotham; Edward Barnes, affidavit p the same; Joseph Leech [No. 11 on jury]; [John Jackson, added]; John Buerdsell [No. 12 on jury]; Benjamin Baron, clerk, affidavit p J. Fletcher; [Richd. Grantham, cancelled]; Japheth Hulme; Thomas Hulme [No. 7 on jury]; Henry Holte [No. 8 on jury]; John Boardman, affidavit p Raph Bury.

Names within Kirkemanshulme, Yeildhouse, and Salford:—

James Taylor; Hugh Kenyon; Richd. Pycroft; Thos. Beswicke [No. 5 on Jury]; Thos. Traves, affidavit p Mr. Worsley; Wright Burdett; Willm. Shawe; Mr. Edward Gathorne, essoined p John Pearson; [Roger Beswick, cancelled], gone out of towne; Isabell Kenyon, wid.; Ralph Worsley, gent., excused [No. 1 on Jury]; [Willm. Worthington, now Edw. Beswick, cancelled]; Edwd. Beswick [No. 6 on Jury]; James Hilton, affidavit p Jno. Grimshaw; Abraham Kenyon, clerke.

Freeholders in le Deansgate [fifteen names].

Names within Deanesgate upon demise [fifteen names].

¹ The Call Book for May, 1685, substitutes "within."

² The Call Book for May, 1685, substitutes Kirkmanshulme.

³ The Call Book for May, 1685, adds "cleric."

⁴ The Call Book for May, 1685, adds Mary Taylor.

⁵ "Dead.—Peter Bowker." Interlined at next sitting.

Names of Inhabitants within the View of Frank Pledge :—

Joseph Hill, excused; James Baguley, affidavit p Raph Bury; Joseph Kenyon; [Edmund Grundy, cancelled]; [James Jackson, "dead," added]; Thomas Birkey; Joshua Thorpe; [John Jackson, cancelled]; John Sandiforth; John Berrey ["Bury," in May 1685], excused; John Boardman; James Dunkerley, excused; John Neild; Jeremia Kempe; Joseph Birkey; Peter Drinkewater; John Wyld; Thomas Greaves; [John Grimshawe, cancelled]; [John Boardman, sen., cancelled]; [John Boardman, jun., cancelled]; Robt. Bancroft; Thomas Worrall; [Willm. Sharrocke, "dead," added]; John ffletcher; Willm. Joanes; Robt. Jackson; [Adam Baguley, cancelled]; [John Boardman, Chapman inserted, essoined p Robte. Boardman]; Richd. Thorpe; John Rowbothome; Robt. Boardman.

[*Additions*].—Thos. Wrightson; Thos. Beswicke; Joseph Ridgway; James Andrew, jun.; John Wyatt [cancelled May, '85]; [John Rowbotham, inserted May, '85, and cancelled]; Edmund Grundy; Samuel Leech; Thomas Berry [spelt Bury in May, '85]; William Bayley [cancelled in May, '85]; John Kay [cancelled in May, 1685] Raphe; Barlow; James Siddall; Robert Wright [cancelled May, '85]; [Robt. Irlam, inserted May, '85]; Henry Kempe; John Ogden; Joseph Holland.

[With the above is the Steward's precept or warrant for levying the fines imposed on thirty-eight persons for not appearing, and on the same defaulters for Encroachments as in October, 1682.]

c. 1684? Thomas Berkey, Plaintiff against Raph Barlowe for a plea of debt causing damage, xxxixs. xjd. ob. [40s. being the maximum limit of jurisdiction]; Defendant appears.

[Jury].—Edward Wroe, Foreman; John Buerdsell; Robt. Boardman; Japhet Hulme; Thomas Berkey; John Neild; Joshua Thorpe; Jeremy Kempe; John ffletcher; Robt. Barcroft; John Rowbothom; Thomas Wrightson; Joseph Holland; Henry Kempe; James Sidebothom; [Richard Johnson, cancelled].

"Jur-Jur" is written against each name showing them to have been twice sworn, because they tried two actions or sat at two Courts or adjournments.

Newton, } *Court Leet* of Warden Wroe, held at
 October 8, 1684. } Newton on Wednesday, 8 October ; before
 Jas. Lightbowne, Esq., steward.

Jurors:— { Lawrance Gardner, gent. Peter Rollinson, gent.
 { Thos. Kempe, gent. John Jackson, gent.
 { John Kenyon, gent. Jas. Taylor, gent.
 { John Johnson, gent. Jas. Baguley, gent.
 { Robt. Boardman, gent. Thos. Birkey, gent.
 { John Buerdsell, gent. Sworn.
 { John Boardman, gent.
 { Henry Holte, gent.

Order. Mr. James Holland and John Booker to come in at the adjournment of the Court, and take their oaths for serving the office of Constables for Newton for the year ensuing, or to bring in sufficient p'sons for to take their oaths for serving the said office.

Constables:—John Boardman for Mr. Jas. Holland ; Jeremy Kempe for Mr. John Booker.

Mislayers:—Japhet Hulme [John Boardman, cancelled], John Jackson.

Bylawmen:—Thos. Berry, Joseph Holland.

Pinner:—John Boardman.

Fined for non-appearance:—thirty-six persons.

Newton, October 8, 1684, *Court Baron.*

Jurors as at Court Leet.

Incroachments:—Eleven persons fined as before, Lightbowne, Heap, Gee, Thorp, Walker, Baguley, Baron, Sandford, Gilliam, Jackson, and Boardman.

William Walker of Culcheth is dead, and Thos. Walker enjoyeth that place ; order, to come to do suit.

William Beck hath alienated his estate in Newton to Oswald Mosley, Esq. ; order, to come, etc. [A Deansgate item follows].

Mr. Burdett's house [at Kirkmanshulme] is burnt down ; order to rebuild before 25 March, sub pena five pounds, besides £67 penalties already incurred.

Newton, } *Court Leet* or View of Frank Pledge of
May 4, 1685. } Warden Wroe, held at Newton, on Monday,
May 4, 1685. Before James Lightbowne, steward.

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| Jurors :— | John Grimshaw | Henry Kirke |
| | Edward Wroe | Thomas Birkey |
| | Japhet Hulme | Joshua Thorpe |
| | Thomas Hulme | Peter Drinkwater |
| | William Shaw | Robert Bancroft |
| | John Heard | Joseph Ridgway |
| | Thomas Rothwell | Sworn. |

Adjourned to the house of Henry Kirk, on Saturday, 9th May, instant, at four o'clock in the afternoon.

Fined for not appearing :—Forty-two names, including *Thomas Walker*, clerk; *Thomas Singleton*; *Peter Tickle*, *Joseph Berkett*.

Court Baron; same day and same jury.

Encroachments, as in 1677, but names *John Sandiforth*; *John Byron*; and *Mary Jackson*, wid.; [*Alice Hall* is omitted].

Roger Taylor is dead, and *Mary* his wife is possessor of the estate; *Mary* to come into Court to do suit.

There is a house consumed by fire belonging to *Mr. Burditt*, having a lease upon it and he was by former verdicts ordered to rebuild y^e same, sub pena sixty-five pounds; order to rebuild before 1st Sept., sub pena five pounds more. [Two Deansgate items follow].

There is a fine laid upon *John Boardman* for not cleansing a ditch betwixt *Boardman green* and *Newton Heath*, and is not yet done; in mercy ten shillings; order to cleanse before 25 July, sub pena fifteen shillings.

[There is a Call Book for "May, 1685," see notes on the Call Book of 1684, *ante*.]

1685? No heading.

Jury :—

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| John Buerdsell | [Robt Boardman, sen., | John Jackson |
| James Baguley | cancelled] | Tho. Birkey |
| Jeremy Kempe | John Sandiforth | John Boardman, |
| Robt. Boardman | Joseph Birkey | Chapman |
| Joseph Holland | John Robothom | Robert Irlam |
| | Tho. Wrightson | |

“Jur-Jur” is written against each name probably as they were sworn in for both Court Baron and Court Leet.

On the other side of the leaf is written :—

John Grimshaw; Edw. Wroe; Tho. Hulme; John Herd; Henry Kirk; Thos. Birkey; [Jeremie Kempe, cancelled]; Robt. Bancroft; Joseph Ridgeway; [John Johnson, cancelled]; Japhet Hulme; Will. Shaw; Tho. Rothwell; [John Lightbowne, cancelled]; Joshua Thorpe; Peter Drinkwater; [John Rowbotham, cancelled].

These, except Grimshaw (foreman), are bracketed in threes, and then “Jur-Jur” is written against Grimshaw and each trio.

Newton, } *Court Leet* and View of Frank Pledge
October 2, 1685. } of Warden Wroe, held at Newton
on Wednesday, October 2, 1685, before James Lightbowne,
steward.

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| Jurors :— | { | John Buerdsell | John Boardman |
| | | John Jackson | Robt. Boardman |
| | | Jas. Baguley | John Robothome |
| | | John Sandiforth | Robt. Irlam |
| | | Thos. Birkey | Joseph Holland |
| | | Jeremie Kempe | Tho. Wrightson |
| | | Joseph Birkey | Sworn. |

The Jury appoint :—

Constables :—Robt. Irlam, John Jackson, for Esther Williamson.

Mislayers :—John Boardman, Jeremiah Kempe.

Bylamen :—Edmund Grundy, Joseph Ridgeway.

Pinder :—John Boardman.

Adjourned till 10th October, 1685, at Henry Kirk's at 3 o'clock. [Endorsed, but cancelled, is a list of *fifty-four* (see below) persons fined for non-appearance].

On a separate sheet is the record of the Court Baron held same time and place and with same Jury; the same fines for the same encroachments and for not rebuilding the burnt-house, and not cleansing ditch were imposed as in May, 1685.

A list of fines bearing same date ; *thirty-four* (see above) persons fined for non-appearance.

John Bowker is dead, and Peter Bowker his brother doth enjoy the estate ; order Peter Bowker to come to court to do suit.

The Call Book for October, 1685, is the same as in May, 1685, but Thomasin Robinson *alias* Ryton is inserted as if heir of Ralph Arderne, gent.; and Nathan Leech is added before the Tenants in Newton, and amongst those tenants Mary Taylor is styled widow; and Esther Williamson is inserted after William Williamson, both being essoined (excused) by Joseph Clegg; James Holland is altered to heirs of James Holland; Edward Wroe, sen., is inserted; Elizth. Smith is styled widow.

There is a Call Book endorsed "April, 1686—Enter and make out the estreats" as if there was a volume in which the draft Record was to be entered by the steward's clerk.

The list tallies with that of the last Court, except that "heirs of Thos. Walker, cleric," take his place; John Arderne is written in place of "heirs of Ralph Arderne"; John Robinson *alias* Ryton is in place of Thomasin; and Nathan Leech is omitted.

Amongst the Newton tenants, John Alexander, gent., takes the place of Mary Taylor; Joseph Clegg for Esther Williamson; the "heir of James Holland" is styled "infant"; Edwd. Wroe, jun., is cancelled; Edwd. Barnes is cancelled.

Amongst the Kirkmanshulme, etc., tenants, Hugh Kenyon is cancelled.

Amongst the inhabitants, John Wyld is cancelled, also John Boardman, chapman, and Thos. Bury, and at the end are added :—James Sydebotham, Richard Johnson, Richard Beswicke, Thomas Singleton, John Gymney [see Jimley in vol. i.], Joseph Lomax.

Newton, } *Court Lect* of Warden Wroe, held at
 April 21, 1686. } Newton on Wednesday, 21 April, 1686;
 before James Lightbowne, Esq., steward.

Jurors:— {
 Edwd. Wroe, gent. Henry Kirke
 Thos. Kempe, gent. Hugh Kenyon
 John Grimshaw, gent. John Johnson
 Henry Holte, gent. Thos. Beswick
 Joseph Clegg, gent. John Jackson
 Lawr'ce Gardner, gent. Wm. Shawe
 John Herd, gent. Sworn.

Fined for non-appearance :—thirty-nine persons.

Adjourned till Saturday next at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, to the house of Edward Heywood in Manchester.

Court Baron of same date.

Jurors names not filled in.

Incroachments :—eleven fined as before.

Mr. Burdett's house consumed by fire ; order to rebuild by 29 September, sub pena five pounds more.

Jas. Sydebotham doth keep a great mongrel dog unmuzzled, which hath assauted several of the neighbours, who are in such fear of being harmed by him that they dare not go the usual highway by the house, and though he hath been spoke to to take some course, either to muzzle him, or keep him tied up, he still neglects the same ; we amerce him in ijs. and order him either to keep him tied up, or to muzzle him, before 1 May next, sub pena vs.

A ditch in Stud lane, lying along the side of a field called the Nearer Oulerbank, and the Beane-croft belonging to Mrs. Holland, which, for want of scouring, doth damme up the water into the lane, to the annoyance of those who should pass through it ; order the ditch to be sufficiently scoured, at the discretion of the greater part of the Jury, before 1 June next, sub pena iij*s.* iiij*d.*

A ditch, lying along the side of the Marled Earth, leading from the sett yate down the side of the lane unto the brook at John Boardman's house, and belonging to Mrs. Holland, is very

much decayed for want of ditching ; order to be ditched and hedge to be fallen, before 24 June next, sub pena vs.

A hedge and ditch, lying along the Half Acre belonging to John Boardman, and leading from the aforementioned sett gate on the other side of the lane down towards the aforementioned brook, for want of falling and scouring is an annoyance ; order the hedge to be fallen and ditch sufficiently ditched at the discretion, etc., before 20 May next, sub pena iij^s.

A lane, leading from Boardman's brook towards Bradford Bridge, is very foul and deep, for want of the hedges falling and the ditches scouring, which belongs to John Boardman, he enjoying for the ground on both sides the lane : order to fall the hedges and ditch the ditches, so far as his ground adjoins to the lane, before 1 August next, sub pena xs.

Esther Williamson hath late taken a lease from the Lords, of a messuage and tenement in Newton, and hath since married Joseph Clegge ; order Joseph Clegge to come to do suit, sub pena vs. [A Deansgate item follows].

c. April, 1686? Randle Wright, plt. agt. Robert Bordman, debt., 00*li* 15*s*. 00*d*. ; not guilty ; continued till Michellmas Court ; Jury ffynd for the plte. 15*s*. and costs of suite. [This is on a small slip within a foolscap sheet which bears the watermark of a bunch of grapes, similar to the watermark on paper used for the Court Roll of April, 1686].

Jury :

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| Jacobus Holland | Thomas Baron | Jacobus Baguley, sen. |
| Robt. Boardman | John Buerdsell | Richd. Taylor |
| Nicholas Ryder | Tho. Holte | Peter Rollinson |
| Abraham Clegg | James Baguley, jun. | Willm. Sandiforth |
| Henry Holte | [Nicholas Kempe? cancelled]. | |

[Each of these is marked "Jur-Jur," as sworn in at Court Baron and Court Leet].

Jury between parties :—

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| Humfrey Chetham | John Whitacre | John Partington |
| Thos. Birkey | Edwd. Barnes | Christopher Wrightson |
| John Buerdsell | Joseph Kenyon | Joshua Thorpe |
| John Andrew | John Bowker | Hugh Kenyon |

Newton, } *Court Baron* of Warden Wroe, held
 October 20, 1686. } at Newton on Wednesday, October 20,
 2 Jac. II., 1686, before Jas. Lightbowne, Esq., steward.

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| Jurors :— | Edwd. Wroe | John fletcher |
| | John Beurdsall | Robt. Bancroft |
| | Robt. Boardman | John Rowbothom |
| | Japhett Hulme | Thos. Wrightson |
| | Thos. Berkey | Jos ^h . Holland |
| | John Neild | Henry Kempe |
| | Joshua Thorpe | Jas. Sydebothom |
| | Jeremy Kempe | Sworn. |

Incroachments :—Eleven as before.

Adjourned till three a clock on Saturday next to Andrew fletcher's at the Rose and Crowne in [Deansgate], Manchester.

Mr. Burdett's burnt house to be rebuilt before 25 March, sub pena 5*li* more.

Order for Boardman's ditch along Marled Earth, and hedge and ditch along Half Acre as before.

Whereas there is complaint made and sufficiently proved against Thos. Hulme that he gathers stones out of the highway left for the repair of the highway, and bath converted them to his own private use, We amerce him in v*jd*.

John Boardman is become tenant to the College; John Boardman to come, etc.

1686, October 2, Friday. Precept or List of fines imposed at the Court Leet held in October, 1686, for non-appearance [fifty-two persons], and for fines imposed at Court Baron or same date—For not laying open encroachments the same eleven persons as before.

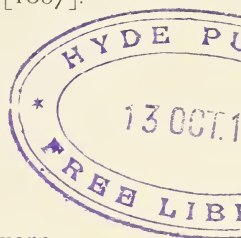
There is a Call Book marked "Last Call Book," which is the same as that for October, 1687, but seems to be of earlier date. Amongst the Newton tenants the second name is "Maria Taylor, vid., assign [essoined] per James Sidebotham," and Japhet Hulme's name precedes that of Thomas Hulme.

Newton, } *Court Leet* of Warden Wroe, held at
April 14, 1687. } Newton on 14 April, 3 Jac. II. [1687].
Before James Lightbowne, steward.

Jurors :—Mr. Lawrence Gardner [foreman].

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| { | Joseph Clegg | Edwd. Beswick |
| | Saml. Leech | John Herd |
| | John Johnson | Thos. Rothwell |
| | Henry Holte | Henry Kirke |
| | John Jackson | Jeremy Kempe |
| | James Taylor | Jas. Baguley |

Sworn.



Fined for non attendance :—Forty persons.

Adjourned to the house of Anne Heywood, widow, in Manchester, upon Saturday, the 16th of April.

Court Baron of same date, etc.

Fines for encroachments, same as in October preceding, except James instead of John Heape.

Mr. Burdett's fine of £70 increased £5, for not rebuilding his burnt down house ; Mary Taylor, widow, hath alienated her house and estate in Newton to John Alexander of Manchester, gent. ; order John Alexander to come, etc. [A Deansgate item follows].

The Pinfold in Newton is out of repair ; order the Constables of Newton to lay a ley and repair it before 21st May next, sub pena, 20s.

There are certain hedges and ditches lying in Dawson Crofts and belonging to Thos. Hulm wanting falling and scouring ; order to fall and scour before 7 May, sub pena 10s.

The like lying [higher up] in Dawson Crofts, belonging to Thos. Berket of Newton, the like order, before 12 May, 5s. [a

later date was given as ditches were usually cleared from the lowest point upwards].

James Lightbowne, Esq., hath carried [away] several loads of soil off the Common belonging to Newton, to the prejudice of the lords and tenants ; order James Lightbowne to lay sufficient manure upon the injured place before 24 June, sub pena 4s.

October, 1687. Call Book the same as for April, 1686, except :—

Amongst Newton Tenants :—

William Hibbert for Japhet Hulme ; Nicholas Ryder for John Boardman ; Heirs of Robert Sutton, added.

Amongst Kirkmanshulme :—

James Taylor, cancelled ; John Smith inserted before Isabell Kenion ; John Hulme inserted before Thos. Traves ; Edward Prestwich inserted before Wright Burdett ; John Siddall for Abraham Kenion ; Heirs of Edwd. Gathorne, cancelled.

Amongst Inhabitants :—

Before Joshua Thorpe, Richard Thorpe ; Joseph Ridgway, cancelled ; Richd. for John Gymney.

Added to Inhabitants :—

Richard Cawdah [Cowdall] ; John Kempe ; Mathew Andrew ; John Strenger.

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| Newton, | } | <i>Court Lect</i> of Warden Wroe, before | |
| October 20, 1687. | | James Lightbowne, Esq., steward. | |
| Jurors :— | { | Edwd. Wroe, gent. | [Jeremy Kempe, cancelled] |
| | | [Joseph Clegg, cancelled] | Thos. Beswick |
| | | Robt. Boardman | Richd. Thorpe |
| | | [John Buerdsall, cancelled] | John ffletcher |
| | | Joseph Holland | Jas. Sydebotham |
| | | Thos. Worrall | Robt. Irlam |
| | | John Grimsbaw | Jas. Hilton |
| | { | Joshua Thore (<i>sic</i>) | Wm. Joanes Sworn. |

Officers for the year ensuing :—

Constables :—Josuah Thorpe, Richard Cowdall.

Miselayers :—John Rowbothom, Thos. Wrightson.

Bylawmen :—Richard Johnson, Jas. Jackson.

Pinner :—John Boardman.

Adjourned to Anne Heywood's house in Manchester on Saturday next at two o'clock.

Fined for non-appearance :—sixty-one persons.

Court Baron, same date.

Jurors, as at Court Leet.

Incroachments :—same eleven as before.

Mr. Burdett's burnt house to be rebuilt by 25 March, sub pena *vli.* more.

Japhe (sic) Hullme hath alienated his house and estates in Newton to Wm. Hibbert of Manchester ; order Wm. Hibbert to do suit, etc.

Mrs. Addams hath alienated her house and estate in Newton to Robt. Sutton of Manchester ; order Robt. Sutton to do suit, etc.

There ought to be a set yeat betwixt Hulme Hall and John Boardman's, which belongs to John Boardman for to make ; order him to set a yeat there, before 25 March next, sub pena *vs.*

James Jackson have digged and delfed up some clods upon Newton Heath for to burn ; We amerce him in *vjd.*

Edwd. Prestwich being come tenant to Edwd. Beswick in Kirmanshulme ; order Edwd. Prestwich to do suit, etc.

John Smith is become tenant to Isabell Kenyon.

John Hulme is an inhabitent to Thos. Beswick in Kirmanshulme ; order John Hulme to do suit, etc.

There are hedges and ditches lying to Dowson Crofts and belonging to Thos. Hulme, wanting falling and scouring ; order him to fall and scour before 25 March, sub pena *xs.*

Robt. Jackson hath taken John Kempe and his wife into his house as inmates.

April 30, 1688. *Court Leet* of Warden Wroe, before Jas. Lightbowne, steward.

Jurors :—Mr. Raph Worsley [foreman].

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| { | Mr. Joseph Clegg | Edwd. Beswick | |
| | John Buerdsell | Thos. Rothwell | |
| | John Boardman | Henry Kirke | |
| | Wm. Hibbert | Jeremy Kempe | |
| | John Jackson | Thos. Birkey | |
| | Thos. Beswick | Peter Drinkwater | Sworn. |

Fined for non-appearance :—fifty-four persons.

Court Baron, same date, etc.

Encroachments :—eleven fined as before.

For Mr. Burdett's burnt house, £75 fine approved.

Thomas Hulme's Dawson croft ditch annoys Thos. Birkie, vs. further fine imposed.

Robert Sutton is dead and Ann his widow enjoys the same place ; Order her to come, etc.

Mr. Abr^m. Kenion hath alienated his Estate in Kirkmanshulme to Mr. Jno. Siddall of Slade ; Order Jno. Siddall to come, etc.

[The above are marked "X entered."]

On October 3, 1690, James Lightbown appointed under seal Nathan Leech of Manchester, gent., to be his Deputy Steward for the Court Leet and Court Baron for the Manor of Newton, and to take the Jury's verdict, etc. Sealed with a seal bearing a shield charged with six lions rampant.

October, 3, 1690. *Court Leet* of Warden Wroe. Before James Lightbowne, steward.

Jurors :—John Buerdsell [foreman].

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| Edwd. Wroe | Thos. Birkey | |
| John Boardman | John Nield | |
| Thos. Kemp | Joshua Thorpe | |
| John Jackson | Jeremy Kemp | |
| Richd. Pycroft | John Robothom | |
| Thos. Beswick | Richd. Johnson | |
| Peter Tickle | James Siddall | Sworn. |

Officers appointed :—

Constables :—John Fletcher for Culcheth, Robt. Boardman for Mr. Smith.

Mislayers :—John Beurdsell, Christopher Wrightson.

Bylaymen :—Robt. Breirley, James Chetham.

Pinder :—John Boardman.

Fined for non-appearance :—Forty-eight persons.

Court Baron, same date, etc.

Ten encroachments fined as before :—Jas. Lightbowne, Jas. Heap, hrs. of Edw. Gee, Francis Jackson, Raph Barlow, Wm. Walker, Jas. Baguley, Raph Barlow [2nd time], hrs. of John Sandford, hrs. of John Gilliam, *ijd.*

No exact account of the Constables hath been made ; Order, the Constables from time to time to come in to make their accounts to the Jury or who the Jury do appoint at Michaelmas Court to be tried and examined, sub pena, 20s.

With these Rolls there is an undated Call Book of probably the same date

Freeholders of the lands in Newton.

James Chetham, Esq^r. ; James Lightbowne, Esq^r. ; Richard Brooke, Esq^r. ; William Walker, gent. ; Edward Chetham, Esq^r. ; John Grimshaw ; Heirs of Ralph Arderne, gent. ; John Ryton *als* Robinson ; Heirs of George Kenion, gent. ; Heirs of Rawstorne Lever, gent. ; Oswald Mosley, Esq^r.

Tenents by Lease in Newton.

Anne Baguley, widow ; Joseph Clegg, gent. ; Heirs of James Holland ; Edwd. Wroe ; John Kenion ; Robt. Boardman ; Benjn. Baron, clerke, excused ; John Smith, essoined by R. Boardman ; Willm. Hibbert, essoined by Jno. Kempe ; Joseph Leech ; John Jackson ; Heirs of John Alexander, gent. ; John Hartley ; Edward Holland ; Thos. Kempe ; Peter Bowker, essigned by Jer. Kempe ; John Buerdsall ; John Boardman ; Thos. Hulme ; John Hadfield ; Nicolas Ryder ; Anne Sutton, wid.

Tenants within Kirckemanshulme, Yaldhouses, and Salford.

Heirs of Hugo Kenyon ; Richd. Pycroft ; Thos. Beswicke ; Thos. Traves ; Right Burdett, Esq^r. ; Geo. Fletcher ; John Syddall ; John Smith ; Isabell Kenyon ; Ralph Worseley, gent. ; John Hulme ; Edwd. Prestwich ; Jas. Johnson ; Wm. Shaw ; Peter Moir.

[Then follow the names of the freeholders in the Deansgate in Manchester.]

On April 17, 1691, the steward, James Lightbown, again appointed Nathan Leech to act as deputy steward. The seal exhibits a spread eagle as crest.

April 17, 1691. *Court Leet* of Warden Wroe, before James Lightbown, steward.

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| Jurors:— | Ralph Worsley, gent. | John Jackson |
| | Joseph Clegg | John Neilde |
| | Edwd. Wroe, gent. | Jeremy Kempe |
| | Lawrence Gardner | Joseph Birky |
| | Robt. Boardman | John Fletcher |
| | Joseph Leery | John Robothome. |

Sworn.

Fines for encroachments:—J. Lightbowne, J. Heap, Heirs Edwd. Gee, *James* Jackson, Raphe *Thorpe*, Wm. Walker, Jas. Baguley, *Robt. Boardman*, Heirs Jno. Sandiforth, *Jas. Cheetham*, Esq., *ijd.* each. [Compare names at last Court].

Robert Bancroft and Thos. Birky do lodge certain strangers contrary to law, We order the Constables of Newton to give them notice to remove all such strangers out of our town of Newton before 14th May next, sub pena 50s. either of them.

We find Mr. John Smith to be tenant to a tenement in the possession of Robt. Boardman of Newton; order to come, etc.

Court Baron, same date, etc.

Fined for non-appearance:—Sixty-one persons.

c. 1691. The following undated Jury List probably relates to trials of actions about 1691.

Mr. John Johnson; Mr. John Siddall; John Grimshaw; Edw. Wroe; Thos. Kempe; [Robt. Boardman, cancelled]; John Buerdsell; Henry Holte; John Jackson; [Thomas Beswicke, cancelled]; William Hibbert; [John Siddall, cancelled]; [Thos. Birkey, cancelled]; John Boardman; [Jeremy Kempe, cancelled]; John Fletcher; Joseph Holland; Rich. Thorpe.

[Jur[sworn]Jur is written against each name].

This ends the old Manorial Records which usefully supplement the old Leases noted in the account of Places, *ante*. There is a gap from 1691 to 1843, though the half-yearly Courts were regularly held in the interval.

1843-1903.

The Court Book now in use appears to be the only one that has been preserved. It is a small foolscap folio book with the diaper stamped red leather cover of the period and begins with the Court Leet or View of Frank Pledge, held at Newton,¹ on April 28th, 1843, before E. C. Milne, steward.

The Jurors were, Mr. Nicholson Varley, foreman,

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| Mr. Philip Lancashire | Mr. James Bellfield |
| „ Hugh Shaw | „ John Holford |
| „ Richard Hardy | „ Wm. Simpson |
| „ Samuel Ashton | „ Jas. Sandiford |
| „ Robert Saxon | „ Robert Bennett |
| „ Thomas Hitchings | „ Otho Hulme |
| „ Joseph Armstrong | All sworn. |

Fines of one guinea each were imposed on James Orrell, James Gray, John Siddall, Thomas Crallan, Benjn. Williams, and Richard Malin, for not attending though summoned to serve as Jurors.

A fine of five pounds was put on the administrators of the late Charles Thorpe, in case a fence fronting Church Street was not repaired within one month.

A fine of ten pounds was put on the executors of the late Mr. Gardner, if the Scutch Buttock Road extending from Church Street to the part repaired by Mr. Robert Bennett (being 180 yards long), was not repaired within a month.

A fine of £100 was imposed on "the owners of the Culcheth Estate," if the road extending from the culvert opposite the Church to Culcheth Gates was not repaired within three months.

All former orders were confirmed.

¹About 1800 the Court used to meet in the School-house by the Chapel, and, when business was over, there was a general adjournment to the Shears Inn. (Jo. Miller, *All Saints' Parish Magazine*, Dec., 1874).

A note is added that :—The amercements at the last Court were severally paid, except that on Thomas Crallan, which was remitted, sufficient excuse being now made.

The next Court was held October 13, 1843. A Jury of twenty-one was sworn in; three persons were fined half a guinea each for not attending as Jurors, and the following officers were appointed and sworn in “for one year and till others be appointed, unless sooner discharged.”

Constables :—Nicholson Varley, Philip Lancashire.

Deputy Constable :—Samuel Lancashire.

Byr Law Men :—James Scholes, Michael Gagge.

Affeerors :—Nicholson Varley, Philip Lancashire.

[Jo. Miller in *All Saints' Parish Magazine*, Dec., 1874, states that the Court used also to appoint appraisers, a pinder, and an ale-tester].

The fence and roads presented at the last Court had been repaired. Orrell, Gray, and Williams had paid their fines; and Siddall, Crallan, and Malin made sufficient excuses.

The next record is a copy of the precept to the Bailiff to summon twenty-five specified persons as Jurors at the Court Leet and Court Baron, to be held at Mrs. Booth's, Three Crowns, in Newton, on April 26, 1844, at eleven o'clock.

At that Court, besides routine business, Thos. Ridings was fined five pounds if he did not repair within a month a lime hole and water basin he had made in Back Lane, and James Taylor was ordered to repair his fence on the west side of Droylsden Highway, from the canal bridge to Daniel Shaw's house, and James Lancashire was to repair the fence opposite.

At the Court held October 25, 1844, the Trustees of Newton Poor Land were ordered to repair the fence along land in Droylsden Highway, lying between Mr. Worthington's house and Yates Barrow's buildings, and Thomas Knight and John Jennison were ordered to repair Kirkmanshulme Lane from Longsight to Higson's Farm within Newton.

At the Court held May 2, 1845, the Highway Surveyors were ordered to repair their small portion [80 yards], and Mr. Barker's Trustees (Edwd. Loyd and Robt. Bennett) the rest of Culcheth Road, from Church Gates to Culcheth Gates, and Mrs. Martha Isherwood and Mark Isherwood were to remedy the nuisances caused by a midding-stead on the east side of Hulme Hall Lane, and a ditch which was filled up and out of repair.

At the Court held October 3, 1845, the same officers were re-appointed with the substitution of Stephen Welch and Willm. Fildes as byrlawmen, and the children of Jeremiah Hopwood were ordered to cleanse a drain through their property in Oldham Road near the Toll-bar.

1846, 24 April. The Court made an order on various persons to repair Back Lane from the Church to Chetham Fold, and on Sarah Roberts to repair Cow Lane from the Brook to the Smithy, and on Samuel Yarwood & Co. to fence off the pond on the west side of Cow Lane, and Mrs. Roberts was requested to fence off her pond on the east side of the lane. Thos. Knight was ordered to repair Kirkmanshulme Lane from Stockport Road to Mrs. Finney's house, Robt. Hughes to repair from Finney's house to his yard, and John Jennison from that yard to Gorton boundary.

1846, 30 October. The same officers as before were appointed, but Jas. Scholes and Jos^h. Fildes were substituted as byelawmen; — Newton, Esq., was to repair Kirkmanshulme Lane from Stockport Road to the Railway Bridge, and J. Jennison from Robt. Hughe's house to Mr. Jennison's [Belle-Vue] gates.

1847, 7 May. The Manchester and Leeds Railway Company were ordered to repair their bridge over the Turnpike Road, Newton, as water ran through it "in several places, through which the sky may be seen from the road."

1847, 8 October. The same officers were re-appointed with Thomas Nelson as pinder. Several orders were made respecting fences, drains and ditches, and John Smith was ordered to secure his well in Oldham Road.

1848, 28 April, routine business only. 20 October, officers as before. Thos. Brown was to abate the nuisance from his pig-sty in front of his cottage, and Mrs. [Otho] Hulme was to repair a fence adjoining the road to Medlock Vale Print Works.

1849, 27 April. Sir Oswald Mosley was ordered to repair Holland Street from Butler Street to the Bottle Works.

1849, October. Thos. Taylor took Mr. Varley's place as Court affeeror, and James Howles was appointed pinder.

1850, April. Jury sworn in only. 1850, 15 October. Wm. Howarth appointed constable, *vice* T. Taylor; Jas. Robinson and Robt. Fildes to be byrlawmen.

From this date only the formal business of swearing-in the Jury, fining absent Jurors, and appointing officers annually was transacted, with but few and unimportant exceptions such as on October 19, 1866, an Order on the Lancashire and Yorkshire Railway Company and John Ashworth to repair the footpath under the Ashton Branch Railway over the Scotland Road Estate; and an order for the repair of the culvert and road in Cheetham Lane.

1867, April 3. The [plank?] bridge over Jack Bridge¹ Clough had been washed away. 1867, October 18, Briscoe Lane and footpath from Black Fields into Cheetham Lane to be repaired. 1869, April 15, Henry Bagshaw, tenant of Scotland Hall, to repair a sewer. 1869, October 22, Messrs. Andrews to repair the bridge leading to their premises [on Moston Brook], and repairs ordered in Briscoe Lane, Culcheth Brow opposite Crown Point, and Ten Acre Lane opposite the Mill. 1870, October 10, Bridge wall over Shooter's Brook in

¹ The old Jack Bridge footpad led from Moston by Wellock's Bridge, over the railway, and so forward to Clayton Hall, crossing the Medlock at Bank Bridge. It was often before the Court Leet. About 1810, Matthew Brown of Crown Point, stated to the Court that Jack Bridge road was much discussed about seventy years ago when he first attended the Court, and the Court used once a year to open all the public roads of the Heath. Near the Clough was old Thomas Walter's farm and Ashworth's silk mill was in that direction. (Jo. Miller, *All Saints' Parish Magazine*, Sept., 1874).

Hulme Hall Lane to be repaired by the Manchester Corporation. 1871, April 11, the Court day to be Wednesday instead of Friday in future. 1872, October 18, Jack Bridge has been washed away by the late flood. 1873, October 17, the Swing Bridge over the Rochdale Canal in the line of Mitchell Street to be repaired. 1874, April 15, Mr. Scott's reservoir fence to be repaired, and the bridge from Newton into Moston, near Mr. Andrews' works, Harpurhey, to be repaired by the Local Board. 1877, Nov. 14, the pinfold to be provided with roof, feeding trough and water.

For some years past the Courts have been conveniently held at the Belle Vue Hotel, Kirkmanshulme, the functions of the Court having been almost entirely superseded by the Constabulary and Local Government Acts, and by the formation of the Local Board and the subsequent amalgamation of Newton with the City of Manchester.

The present stewards are William Orford and his brother Lewis A. Orford (solicitors), to whom I owe many facilities in the course of preparing this volume.

The last officers appointed, on October 19, 1903, were :—

Constables, John Lindley and Geo. Boden.

Byelawmen and Afferors, H. Drinkwater, Edwd. McCremer Pinder, James Gorton.

And the last Jury were :—Mr. Jacob Earnshaw,

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| Wm. Hy. Sutton | Solomon Holt |
| Jas. H. Yates | Alderman John Griffiths |
| Robt. H. Riley | Alexr. Aird |
| Jas. Lee Wood | Arthur P. Almond |
| Jas. H. Read | John Eyres |
| Chas. R. Dykes | Jas. Archdale |
| John Howarth | John Lindley |

CHAPTER III.

MISCELLANEOUS HISTORY AND
STATISTICS.

EARLY HISTORY.

THE Black Book of Clayton contains a copy of an undated Grant [temp., John 1199-1216] by Albert de Nevill (Novilla), Rector of the Church of Blessed Mary of Mamcestre to John de Buron [Byron of Clayton], for his homage and service, of a portion of his land in Newton within these bounds, from *mede-lac* by *Shite-fald-est-clogh* [Shooter's flat east clough]¹ going to *Blakelach* [Blackleach, not Blackley], and by *Blakelach* going up to the head of *Kyrkesaghe* [Culcheth],² and so unto the brook of *Faileswurth*,

¹ Le Shiter-flat was the name of half an acre in the Cleyden portion of Ancoats belonging to John le Buron. Its name seems in a corrupt form to be perpetuated in Shooter Brook, which is perhaps derived from AS. *sceadan*, to separate, divide (*cf.* water-*shed*).

Assuming the Shiter flat to be the table-land between the Shooter's Brook on the west, and the Della (Delahay?) Brook, otherwise Grange Brook, on the east, the Shiter flat East Clough would be the Della Brook Clough, and the modern names of the boundaries of the territory comprised in this grant would be from the River Medlock at Bradford Bridge on the south, along the Della Brook north-eastwardly up to Cheetham Fold and *Crown Point* (which was perhaps the *head* of Culcheth), and so eastwards by Scutch Buttock, Culcheth Gates, and Botany Bay to the brook, which divides Newton from Failsworth, and down that brook to the Medlock, and then westwards down the Medlock to Bradford Bridge. It is noticeable that this part of Newton did not belong to the Warden and Fellows.

² If this word is not a Norman scribe's error for Culcheth the place was then called Kirkshaw, that is Church-wood, and the name was probably shortened to Kir'sha' or Kelsha. It seems probable, however, that the name Culcheth came from a member of the family of that name, otherwise it is phonetically difficult, if not impossible, to account for the middle *ch* and the final *th*. In recent times the word was often written Kelshaw.

and by the brook going down to *Medelac*, and by the *Medelac* descending unto *Shite-fald-est-clogh*, to hold of the said Albert and the said Church with all liberties and easements, Rendering yearly to him and the said Church 4s., and two wax candles, of one pound of wax, at the Assumption of the Blessed Mary for all [services]. Witnesses, Henry de Neville, Walter de Vernun, Robt. de Casterton, Rich. de Buron, Robt. de Buron, Geoffrey de Buron, Roger de Middleton, Alex. de Pilkinton, Jordan le Norreys, Henry de Trafford, Ralph de Moston, Richard, clerk of Mamcestre, and others.

The southerly boundary of Newton was not far from places in Ancoats named in the following grant, dated 1305, which is also set out in the Black Book of Clayton :—Grant by Henry de Ancotes to Henry de Trafford and his heirs, of the moiety of [1] all his land of the *Brig*[Bridge] *furlongs*¹ which is between the highway [probably Great Ancoats Street] and the assart [clearing or intake] of Henry de Trafford ; [2] with the moiety of all his waste in Ancotes within these divisions, beginning at Le *Brig* (Bridge) *hede* of *Short-eye* [eye or hey, eye meaning a water meadow by a river and hey meaning hedged-land], and so directly as far as *Bexwyk-forth* [Beswick Ford], and descending *Medelocke* to Le *Smithy-stede* and thence ascending to Le Ryng-herd [hay season enclosure] of the *Short eye* ; [3] with the moiety of a certain place of waste which is called *Elleynd-eye*, namely, beginning at Le *Stane-gate* [Roman Road] by the garden [or assart, *see* previous item], of Henry de Trafford following

¹ The places named in this Grant are difficult now to locate with precision. There were however, three crossings of the Medlock in Ancoats. The first was near Ancoats Hall, at Pin Mill Brow, near Ashton Old Read. This was the most important and would be probably first named in a deed at that time, so "Bridge furlongs" would be near "the highway," which is now called Great Ancoats Street. The second crossing higher up was between Holt Town and Beswick, and is referred to as "Beswick Ford." The third crossing was the highest, namely, at Bradford Bridge. The "Stone Gate" was the stone-paved Roman Road, which crossed Great Ancoats Street, and on the Ordnance Map of 1845 its sections were called Store Street, Beswick Street, Halesworth Street, Bradford Road, and Cobden Street.

the highway [probably Great Ancoats Street] to *Medelake* and descending *Medelock* as far as *Le Walle-bonke*, and thence to the garden of Thomas de Hopwood and so to the aforesaid *Stone-gate*; [4] together with *Le Kylene-launds* between *Le Brode-grene* and *Clay croft* [where the clay was got for the brick kiln]; [5] and one selion [strip of common land] of which the head extends to *Le Brode-grene*, and the other to *Le Short-hey* Witnesses Master Richard de Trafford, Rector of Chedle Church, Matthew de Haydoc, Richd. de Moston, Thos. de Hopwood, Adam de Chaderton, Alexander the Dyer of Mancestre [In 1295 Alexander received from Henry de Ancotes a grant of half an acre in Ancoats (*Manch. Collectanea*, Chet. Soc., vol. lxviii, p. 72), where an inaccurate version of the foregoing deed is given on p. 74], and others.

Many of these Ancoats place names recur in the following *Inq. p.m.* list of lands belonging to John le Buron in Annecotes, which is also contained in the Black Book of Clayton. They relate to "lands," or strips of common land scattered here and there. The description is as follows:—[1] Beginning at the land of Geoffrey de Chaderton¹ which lies on the east and west side, and the land of Adam de Hopwood [*cf.* garden of Thos. de Hopwood in item 3 in preceding grant] on the west side, and so to the *Bridge of Medlock* on the south side, except six londes, namely, [in] *Dan-ridings* one londicum [lond or strip] with an end and Hevedlond

¹In 1301 Adam son of Richard (son of?) Roger de Manchester granted to Geoffrey de Chaderton and Joan his wife and their heirs, half *le Brodgrene* in Ancotes with its appurtenances (*Manch. Coll.* p. 79). In 1302 Henry de Ancotes granted to Geoffrey de Chaderton and Joan his wife *le Holy cading* (Holly ridding?) in Ancotes, beginning at the land of Robt. son of Simon de Mancestre, and following a path (semitam) to the water of *Medlock*, and following the *Medlock* to Geoffrey's land. In 1305 Henry granted to his sister Elen, for life, a messuage and garden in Ancotes containing four selions (strips) near *le Brodgrene*, and after Elen's death the property was to pass to Geoffrey and Joan and their heirs (*op. cit.* pp. 72-3). Geoffrey de Chaderton was son of Geoffrey, who was son of Sir Richard de Trafford of Trafford, and in 1338 his daughter Margaret married John son of John Radcliff, rector of Bury, and through her the Ancoats lands passed to the Radcliffs.

[headland or cross balk on which to turn the plough] and in Le *Medylcroft* two londes, and in le *Stani-londes* one londe, and in Le *Short-heye* two londes in two places; [2] *Item*, in Le *Claycroft* [see item 4 in preceding Deed] one acre of land which lies against (*a*) the grange of John le Trafford [see Henry de Trafford in items 1 and 3 in the preceding Deed] at (*apud*) the west side along (*per*) the hedge at Le *Short-croft*; [3] *Item*, two "londas" on the west side of Le *Clay-croft* lying in Le *Brod-green* [see items 4 and 5 of preceding Deed]; [4] *Item*, half a rood on the south side of Le *Clay-croft* which lies by Le *Parok* on the east side; [5] *Item*, one rood lying in Le *Short-croft* in two places; [6] *Item*, half an acre lying upon Le *Shiter-flat* [*cf.* Shooter's brook, and see note *ante*, p. 118]; [7] *Item*, in le *Long-mere* [mede?] three roods lying in three places; [8] *Item*, in le *Knoll* half an acre; [9] *Item*, in Le *Hare* the acre lying by Le *Shitere* [Shooter's brook] on the east side; [10] *Item*, by Le *Sege-men* [Sedge mead?] one rood on the south side of Le *Sege-medo* [Sedge meadow]. [An inaccurate reading of this Deed is given *op. cit.*, p. 75].

Alexander the Dyer of Manchester, who attested the Deed of 1305, is named in an undated Grant made by Robert, son of Robert, son of Simon de Mancestre,¹ to Alexander the Dyer of Mancestre, of two selions [strips] of land in Ancotes, to wit, one lying in the assart [clearing or intake] which formerly belonged to Henry, son of Houlot, and the other in Le *Holme ridding*. Witnesses Sir John Buron, Roger de Midleton, Adam de Prestwich, Robt. de Shoresworth, Thos. de Heton and others. (Clayton Black Book, No. 84 (312)).

In 1306 Alice, formerly wife of John de Whitewood [Whitworth?], granted to Thomas de Barlowe an acre and a half of land in Clayton [or Cleyden, which is etymologically the same name but is now restricted to land north of the Medlock, though

¹ In 1317 Rob. fil. Rob. fil. Simonis attested a Deed (Hibbert Ware *Foundations* vol. iv, p. 88). Robert the father received from Henry de Ancotes an undated grant of a plot of land in Ancotes called *Stanigate*, etc. (*Manch. Collectanea*, p. 71).

Clayton Manor was formerly partly on the north as well as chiefly on the south side of the Medlock] in the vill [or Manor] of Manchester, lying between "the High *Street* [Roman Road?] and the Water of *Medlock*"; the witnesses included Roger de Barlow. (Clayton Black Book, No. 29 (14)).

Alice was daughter of Henry de Barlow, as appears by a Deed dated in 1318, by which Sir John le Byron, Knight, demised to Alice late wife of John de Whitewood of Clayden, all lands which he had by gift and feoffment of Alice in the hamlets of *Clayden* and *Dryliden* within the Barony of Mancestre, which Alice had by right of inheritance after the death of Henry de Barlow, her father, To hold for term of her life paying yearly 4s. and making two appearances at Sir John's Court of Clayden [Clayton]; Witnesses, Thos. de Barlow, John Hunt, John Rudd, Rich. del Hull, John del Plat, and others.

In 1401 James de Barlowe granted to John del Bothe the acre and a half above mentioned and another acre and a half in Clayton between *Medlock* and *Cronge-sha's broc* [Cronshaw's brook], which Robert Stedemon sometime held; and in 1418 John del Both granted to John le Buron and the heirs of his body, all lands, etc., which he had of the gift and feoffment of James de Barlowe in Clayton. (Clayton Black Book, Henry IV., No. 1 (15), and Henry V., No. 7 (167)).

In 1359 Roger la Ware, lord of Mamecastre, patron of the Church of Mamecestre, granted to Thomas Bothe of Barton [upon Irwell], one rod of land with its appurtenances lying near the Medlock water and opposite Bothe's Mill in Bradford, which [land] Roger la Ware had of the grant of Thomas de Wike, Rector of the Church of Mamecestre for strengthening [*firmant'*] of the race [*gurgita*] of the mill, rendering to the Rector of the Church a pound of wax worth 6d. at the feast of the Blessed Mary. The seal bears a lion rampant for La Warre. No witnesses names are given. (Higson *MS.*, p. 85).

When the extent of Manchester Manor was made in 1320, it was recorded that John de Cuerden, who had been presented

by Lord John la Warre to the Church of Manchester, was endowed with eight burgages in Manchester, the villates [hamlets] of Newton [and] Kirmonsholm, with meadows, woods, pastures, and other appurtenances. (*Mamecestre*, vol. ii., p. 378).

The Lancaster Duchy Rolls for the eighth year, 1358-9, contain an entry:—Divers fines for writs *de conventionē* and concerning lands in Culcheth, Mamecestre Manor, and the advowsons of the Churches of Mamecestre and Assheton, etc.

The Manchester Manor Rental in 1473 stated that Ralph Kenion of Newton holds a new improvement in Newton at the Will of the Lord of the Manor, and renders xvjd. per annum.

On June 8, 1492, Hugh Ashton, clerk, third son of Sir Wm. Ashton of Croston, co. Lanc., Knight, by his wife Ann daughter of Roger Millington, released his right to certain lands in Newton juxta Mamcestre, to Sir Thos. Langley and James Smyth, chaplain [as trustees]. (*Trafford Evidences*, Raines MSS., Chet. Soc., vol. 21, NS., p. 22).

In 1506 John Ellawre of Openshaw, wever, tenant of twelve acres and an acre of mede in Openshaw, of Sir John Beth (Booth) Knight, for life, filed a bill in the Palatine Chancery complaining that on 15 August, 1506, John Gillam, late of Failsworth, yeoman, and forty other persons with twenty-eight wommen persons assembled with silkes [sikes or scythes] and hokes [hooks], by order of Rauff Holand of Clayton, gent., and too acres of barley and otes cutten downe grene, and hit utterly destroyed, and hewed downe iiij yates hangyng in the severall groundes of Openshaw between that and Drilesden More, whereby plaintiff was utterly destroyed and undone, and many of his neighbours sore hurt. (Lanc. and Ches. Rec. Soc., vol. 32, p. 26).

The next year Rauf Holand, tenant to John Byron, son and heyr of Sir Nicholas Byron, Knight, lately deceased, filed a bill complaining that he had plowen and sown with barley ten acres in his holding at the manor place of Clayton, but John

Ellawre the elder, and others, to the number of forty and moo, on 15 August, 1506, with swords and staves, at Clayton made an assault upon the said Rauf to have betyn or sleyn him and then and thear kutte down and distroyed the barly, value £20 and more, and on Sept. 6, 1507, the same persons at Drinsden [Droylsden] hewed and pulled down the house in the holding of the wife of Rauf Purseglove, standing on the severall ground of John Byron. In the subsequent pleadings, Rauf Holand says he is rent gadrer to the King of all lands by reason of the wardship of John Byron now being within age, and that the riotous persons at the command of Sir John Booth, Knight, their beirer and maintenor, had riotously come in harness since the bill was filed, to the demesne lands of the manor of Clayton, parcel of the lands in ward, and had hewn down three yates, intending to have sleyn or soor beten the said Rauf if he had withstood them, and Sir John Booth on 26 January, 1508, had sent the riotous persons to parcels of the said lands, and them caused to dych and inclos to his own use a close, parcel of the lands of the King, and hit nowe occupieth and kepeth severall ffor his owne profytt and avayl. (*op. cit.*, pp. 31-33).

On Nov. 12, 1533, a lease had been granted to Sir John Byron for fifty years [expiring therefore in 1583] of eight acres of land in Clayton Park, but the lease was forgotton and when [some forty years after the end of the lease] the Clayton Estate was sold by the Byrons to George and Humphrey Chetham in 1620, the Church portion was ignored. Subsequently on Nov. 3, 1625, Warden Richard Murray gave a power of attorney under the College seal, to Robert Baguley, to enter Clayton Park and make lawful seizin of the Eyes and the Fern Hill, parcels of land belonging to the College and within their Manor of Newton, unlawfully with-held by Mr. Chetham. The Warden was unsuccessful, and a few years later a layman, Wright Burdett, who purchased the Manor of Newton from the Parliament, instituted proceedings against Humphrey Chetham, charging him with fraud and wrong, but does not appear to have been

more successful than Warden Murray. (Chet. Soc., vol. 6, NS., p. 118).

In 1237 a Lay Subsidy of the thirtieth part of the value of moveable goods was levied, toward which Clayton and Fayleswrd contributed xxij*s.* *x*d.** ob., as against *cs.* from Mainecest., and xxvj*s.* vjd. from Salford. (*Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc.*, vol. 27, p. 50).

In 1541 for the Subsidy, James Hyll for xx*li* in goods paid *x*s.**; Gyles Whytworthd for xxv*li* in goods paid xij*s.* vjd.; Nycholas Baguley for xx*li* in goods paid *x*s.**; these were of Newton; and John Travis of ffailesworth for L*li* in goods paid xx*v*s.**, and James Gyleam of same place for xx*li* in goods paid *x*s.**, also Rauffe Worthington of Drydlesdenne for xx*li* in goods paid *x*s.** (*Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc.*, vol. 12, p. 139).

In 1600 the Lancashire Freeholders included:—Radus Holme de Newton, $\frac{2}{3}$; Edrus Chatterton de Nuthurst, $\frac{2}{3}$; Jacobus Cheethame de Nuthurst, $\frac{2}{3}$; Edrus Shaklocke de Moston, $\frac{2}{3}$; Wifus Culcheth de Newton, $\frac{1}{2}$ genl. (*Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc.*, vol. 12, pp. 247-9).

In 1620 the [Rural] Deanery of Manchester contributed £37 9*s.* 0*d.* towards a loan for the use of the Count Palatine of the Rhine, and towards this sum Mr. Gee, Curat of Newton, contributed 10*s.*; and in 1622 the Deanery of Manchester contributed £106 12*s.* 8*d.* towards the recovery of the Palatinate of the Rhine for the King's son-in-law, and the Lecturer at Newton Chappell, Mr. Gee, contributed £2. (*Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc.*, vol. 12, pp. 54, 66).

A Subsidy Roll for Salford Hundred in 1622 is preserved in the Chetham Library (MS. 8015), and is printed in *Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc.*, vol. 12. It includes:—

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| Newton. | Raphe Whitworth in goods | v <i>l</i> | xij <i>s.</i> | iiij <i>d.</i> |
| | Adam Holland the eldest in goods | iiij <i>l</i> | vij <i>s.</i> | |
| | Hughe Hartley in goods | iiij <i>l</i> | vij <i>s.</i> | |

Some of goods 11*l*, some xxix*s.* iiij*d.*

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|---------------|-------------------------|---------------|--------|-----------------|
| Droylsden. | William Walker in goods | iiij <i>l</i> | xs. | vii <i>jd</i> . |
| Ffaielsworth. | Raphe Smythe in goods | iiij <i>l</i> | viijs. | |
| | Hughe Clayton " " | iiij <i>l</i> | xs. | vii <i>jd</i> . |
| | Wiffim Turner " " | iiij <i>l</i> | xs. | vii <i>jd</i> . |

Some of goods 11*l*, some xxixs. iiij*jd*.

TITHES.

HAVING regard to the extensive landed interests of the Manchester Collegiate Church within the Newton Chapelry District, a glance at the history of the tithes¹ will not be out of place.

This ancient impost, here as elsewhere, became more and more unpopular, as the temporal power of the Church decreased; and the Warden and Fellows of Manchester, probably at an early date, found the physical and moral difficulties of dealing with the tithe in kind, over such a vast area as the old Parish of Manchester, were too great for endurance. It could be no easy matter to secure sites on which to build barns big enough to contain the produce, or even to hire such barns, as well as to find vigilant and trustworthy surveyors or agents to perambulate the land, and to note the crops as they matured and were harvested, and to provide men, horses and carts to "in" the portion due, and afterwards to render it fit for market. These drawbacks were best met by a system of letting the tithes, of the more distant parts of the Parish, to "farmers," who were generally the powerful resident land-owners, who would be apt to make good bargains for themselves at the expense of the

¹ The Auditor's Particulars (preserved in the Record Office, London), of Lands belonging to Chantries, etc., in Lancashire, temp. Edw. VI., include:—

(No. 9), Tithes in Moston, Newton, Kirkemansholme, Cromeshall, and Manchester. (*Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc.*, vol. 8, p. 314).

(No. 20), Manchester Collegiate Tithes in Bradford, Ardewick, and Openshaw. Bradford, Bexwick, Fayleworth, and Kirdynmansholme, are places mentioned in vol. 10 K., Philip and Mary, No. 2 of Patent Rolls, and in vol. 12 M., Elizabeth, Part 3. Nos. 35, 235; also Drylesden in same vol., No. 35, Faylesworth in same vol., Nos. 35, 235, and Kirdmanshull in No. 35; Kirmansholme, Manchester in No. 234 and Kirdinsmanholme in No. 235, and in vol. 23 Y, Charles I., Kirkemansholme in Nos. 18, 19. (*op. cit.*, p. 518).

Warden and Fellows, on the plea of the variations of the seasons and the trouble and expense of securing the "corn," which was the general term applied to the tithe of wheat, barley, oats, beans and pease.

The College, however, retained what may be styled the home part of the old Parish in their own hands, and an account is preserved amongst their muniments showing that in 1584 they collected in kind the tithe of Manchester, Salford, Hulme, and Newton, and, so far as Newton was concerned, the delivery of the "corn" at their tithe barn in Manchester was accomplished, to some extent at least, under the system of boon services, to which their Newton tenantry were liable.

The account shows that the surveyor went round the district noting on his list what number of riders, sheaves, and hattocks were in each field, and he records that a rider comprised ten sheaves, and a hattock eight, but toshers or tosses are also named. He also records that the hundred was reckoned at 120, or $\frac{20}{vj}$ (that is, six score), according to the notation used by him. His spelling and writing are puzzling, and at times appear quite unintelligible to any body but himself.

The list shows that the system of separate ownership and cultivation of doles, or strips of land in Common Fields, was still in vogue.

1584. A Boke [of eight foolscap half sheets, stitched down the centre to form a narrow book of sixteen pages], made the xxvjth daie of July, of o^r vewing corne in Manchester, Salford [and] Hollme near Manchester, 1584.

A Ryder [comprises] x sheves ; a hatack, viij sheves.

Corne vewed in MANCHESTER, 1584.

Note:—In this Boke $\frac{20}{vj}$ [six score] to the hondeyreth.¹

¹ A lengthy statement follows which has been published by the Lanc. and Ches. Antiq. Soc., vol. 21, giving names, places, and amounts relating to Manchester, followed (after a gap of five blank pages) by one for Salford, and (after after a further gap of seven blank pages) by a short statement for Hulme, and then four blank pages, after which the account is continued as given above.

Corne vewed in Newton.

Nycholas Baguley, by hes Hencroft, xix Riders otts [oats].

The said Nycholas, by the Persone y^e crofte, xx Ryders otts.

Nycholas Bagulay, in the Hen Croft, $\frac{20}{xix}$ Ryders and odd ottes. In all his otts the thith doth amount to $\frac{20}{iiij}$ Ryders. A dole of barley to shear.

Rondall Kemp, in the fylde next the Alehouse, $\frac{20}{x}$ Riders xiiij of otts, and in the same fylde xxvij Ryders of barley shorn ; more shorn v Ryders ; set forth xx Ryders of otts to tyth.

Adam Holland, in the backe side of hes howse, xxv thithes of otts, and som to shear. Adam Holland, in the Meane felde, as he seyth, $\frac{20}{xj}$ Riders and our. .

Rondall Kemp, apon the backsyde of his howse, xxiiij thith Riders of otts. In the same fylde, ix Riders and a hattacke of barley to thith.

Recyved from Nycholas Bagulaie, in thes xxvj of August, betwext x and xj of the clock, xx Ryders of otts [and ?] by [barley].

I offered to hem both horse meytte and maister meyte, and he refused the same ; beyng asked wat tym he loddess, he answered me at v of the clock in the morning. *

Resyved from Adam Holland the same day, betwext j and ij of the clocke, xxij Riders of otts, and viij Riders barly, forth of the Meane fylde.

Itm the same day from Nycholas Bagulaie ; he sayed lode a littell afore iij of the clocke, and hade xxij^{tie} Riders ottes.

R^d from Nycholas Baguly, in the xxvijth day, at ix of the clocke, xx Riders and a hattacke of otts.

R^d from Nycholas Bagulaie, the same daie, xvj Riders of otts.

Resyved from Adam Holland, the same daie, xxv Riders otts.

Resyved from Rondall Kemp, the xxvijth day, xx Riders otts. Resyved from Rondall Kemp, the xxixth day of August, xvj Riders otts. The same day from the said Randall xvj ri. of otts by his sone Rechard. R^d from Randall Kemp the v day of September, xv Riders barly and ij sheves. The same

day and tyme, Kemp brought a ryder otts from Adam Holland.

M^d y^t the xijth day of Septb., 1584, in preys [presence] of John Wytteworth of Newton, I deymāded of Nycolas Bagulaie in Manchester, yf the barly y^t reymeyned whear reidy to be thithed, who answered me he hade thithed the same, and cared [carried] awy the ou^r halffe of his corne, and wylled me to send for the thith; I requested him, in the collaig behalffe, in Respect of his Bownes [boon-service], to bryng yt, who answered he hade caried iiij Loades all reidy for his cornes, and moare cornes he wolde not do, saying he had thithed yt afore wyttes [witnesses], and after in the same day, supposg he wolde have better consydrd of his duty, sent Wyllyn the hinde to hem, unto whom he made the same answere.

Sowne in CLAYDEN [the N.E. part of Ancoats, N. and N.W. of Clayton], ²⁰/_{xiiij} Ryders of barly, ²⁰/_v of otts, and xij in ye fyldes sowne to the houes [The Hows?] by Raffe Sorocold, Jeffere Hall, and Nycolas Bagulaie.

Jeffere Hall and Adam Holland sowne too meydowes to the Houes wth Mr. Hollme, in ye [field] next his howse ²⁰/_{xij} Riders and odd otts. In the other ²⁰/_{xj} and odd otts.

Jeffere Hall soweth doles near Mr. Hollme's Howse to the houes wth Mr. Hollme ²⁰/_{xviiij} Riders ottes.

Jeffere Hall doth answere y^t he payeth Mr. Hollme by the Aker, as the Reste of the teynatts do to the Collaige.

M^d y^t the 20th of May, being Asensyon daye and Thursday, Wyllyam the Hinde went to Mr. [Wroe's or Wages] to deyer [diet?], so and tables, after [the rate of] iiij*l* the year.

M^d that John Byrry and Ry^d Meanelaie came to Māchest^r, the xiiijth daie of August, beyng Thursday, att nyght, soped [supped], and Mr. Vagent, to be Tabled there after the [same] Ratte as Wyllyam is, and the last of August, beyng Monday, went hom, at iiij of the clock in the mornyng.

M^d, y^t the Satterdaie afore Bartellmews daie, being the xxijth daie of August, Barttelemew dy being apon monday next after,

I Wyllyde Nycolas Baguly, in respectt of hes corne, afore John Bery, to bryng whn (?) the Colleg thith, so farre as he hade bered (borne?), apon Tuesdy following; in y^t he came not, wth y^t I sent John Bery to hem, who hade med Necolas at his Anne [Inn?] who answered he was not provyded of a cartt, but wold wth in ij dayes brynge yt.

in John Radclyffe's meydo, the xij of August, ²⁰ xiiij cocks, 41 hens, and iij ges.

Henry Radlaie ²⁰ xij Riders and iij.

ffrances Hough ²⁰ xviij by the Ane Schey [Ann Shaw or Shears Inn?]

M^d that the xxvjth daie of August, being Weydensdey, Nycollas Bagulaie cariat to (carried too) manie; brought xx Ryders otts, betwest x and xj of the clock, and said he wold cary but ij Lode a day, John Bery and Meanelly being present.

TITHE ITEMS IN WARDEN DEE'S DIARY.

THE *Diary of Dr. John Dee*, Warden of Manchester College, was published in 1842 by the Camden Society, and contains the following items relating to Newton and tithe:—

1595, Nov. 26, Mr. Nicolas Bagwell [Baguley] of [Newton] Manchester, browght me a letter from my brother Arnold.

1596, April 2, Sir John Byron, Knight, and Mr. John Byron, Esquier, dyned with me in the colledg. I moved the matter of [having] x yd [tithed] an aker of hay grownd of his tenants. He promised well.

1596, June 18th, the commission for the colledge sent to London to be engrossed in the Duchy office. I sent [it] by Nicholas Baguley of Newton to Mr. Brogreton and to Mr. William Nicolson [lawyers] to follow it this terme.

1596, July 10th to 14th, occupied with low controversies as with . . . the tenants of Sir John Byron of Faylsworth in the right of the colledge, sending . . . for Mr. Tyldesley or Chester for cownsaylers. Sept. 3rd, being Fryday, I rode to Syr John Byron's to Royton, to talk with him about the controversy betwene the colledg and his tenants. He pretended

that we have part of Faylesworth Common within our Newton Heath which cannot be proved I am sure. We wer agreed that James Traves (being his bayly) and Francis Nutthall his servant for him, shold [confer] with me [so that I may] understand all the circumstances, and so [be able] duely to procede.

[Besides the dispute as to tythe in Failsworth, the tythe was in dispute in Hulme, Crumpsall, Moston, and elsewhere, and it was probably with a view to ascertaining the precise limits of Manchester Parish that Dr. Dee engaged the great map maker, Christopher Saxton, and after his survey went round the boundaries. The following extracts relate to these proceedings, which directly or indirectly affected Newton and other townships].

1596, June 14, Mr. Harry Savill the antiquary cam to me. June 15, I wrote by Mr. Harry Savill of "The Book," dwelling at Hallyfax, to Christopher Saxton at Denningley. June 21, Mr. Christopher Saxton cam to me. July 5th, Mr. Savill and Mr. Saxton came. July 6, I, Mr. Saxton and [others] to Howgh Hall. July 10, Manchester town described and measured by Mr. Christopher Saxton. July 14, Mr. Saxton rode away. August 20th to 27th much disquietnes and controversy about the tythe corne of Hulme. August 30, Croomsall corne tyth obteyned by consent, but afterwards dowed and half denied, then utterly denied.

1597, May 2, Mr. Hulme [of Hulme Hall, Hulme] and Mr. Williamson cam to me in the Lord Bishop of Lincoln's case for Hulme. May 4th, I, with Sir Robert Barber, curat, and Robert Talsley [Tyldesley], clerk of Manchester Parish Church, with diverse of the town of divers ages, went in perambulation to the bownds of Manchester Parish, began at the Leeless Bench against Prestwich Parish, and so had a vew of the three corne staks [corner stakes?], and then down tyll Mr. Standysh new enclosure on the Low, where we stayed and vewed the stak [stake] yet standing in the bank of the dich, being from the corne [corner] a eleven measures of Mr. Standley's stak [stick] then in his hand, and two fote more, which still [stick] I

did measure afterward, and it did conteyn, in Kentish feete, six ynches and thre quarters. The survey geometricall of the very circuits of Manchester Parish was ended in this, being the sixth, day of my work [*i.e.*, the perambulation occupied six days]. May 11th, the way to Stopford [Stockport] surveyed by John Cholmeley and John Crocker. May 23rd, I allowed to Mr. Williamson [Mr. Hulme's lawyer] ten dayes respite more for his kinsman [Mr. Hulme] to bring in his evidence for the process of the [tythe] proceedings.

1597, June 14th, the unlawfull assembly and rowte of William Cutcheth [Culcheth], Captain Bradley, John Taylor [and] Rafe Taylor at Newton, against my men, describing the rumour [boundary ?] of Newton.

1597, Nov. 14, the Fellows wold not grannt me the £5 for my howse rent as the Archbishops had grannted, and our foundation commandeth an howse [Warden's House, Newton, or the Parsonage in Deansgate, Manchester?].

1597-8, Feb. 9, George Birch sute was stayed at Chester uppon his promise to compound with me for all tyth, haye, and other matter. Thos. Goodyer his sute and ex-communication I stayed, *salvo interim jure suo* [saving his right meanwhile]; Baxter's likewise I stayd at Chester Court.

1600, July 18, the great sute [about tythe?] betwene Redishmer [the men of Reddish?] and me was stayed, and by Mr. Richard Holland his wisdom. July 19, I lent Randall Kemp my second part of Hollinshed's *Great Chronicle* for ij or iij wekes. To Newton he restored it.

1600, Sept. 11th, Mr. Holland of Denby [Denton?], Mr. Gerard [Rector] of Stopford [Stockport], Mr. Langley [Rector of Prestwich], commissioners from the Bishop of Chester, authorized by the Bishop of Chester, did call me before them in the church . . . and did deliver to me certayn petitions put up by the Fellows against me to answer before the 18th of this month. I answered them all *eodem tempore* [at the same time], and yet they gave me leave to write at leaser.

1600, October 3rd, the Commission [about tithe] set uppon [begun] in the Chapter Howse . . . Nov. 4, the commission and jury did finde the tittes [tithes] of Nuthurst [in Moston] due to Manchester, against Mr. James Ashton of Chaterdon.

1600, Dec. 2, colledg awdit. Allowed my due of £7 yerely for my howse rent tyll Michelmas last.

1600-1, January 19th, borrowed of Adam Holland of Newton £5 till Hilary Day, uppon a silver salt dubble gilt with a cover, waying 14 oz.

The Diary ends on April 6, 1601, without further items of interest in this connection. Hollinworth says "Dr. Dee was generally by the common people, and by some others, reputed as a conjuror." (*Mancuniensis*, p. 98).

His wife died March 23, 1604-5, probably from the Plague, and he quitted Manchester immediately afterwards. He died at Mortlake, aged 81, and was buried there. (Chet. Soc., N.S., vol. 6, pp. 109-110).

On the appointment of Warden Richard Wroe in 1684, in order to secure his residence and to promote his comfort the Chapter at once "voted £140 out of the common fund to rebuild and repair the Warden's House [Deansgate] (*op.cit.*, p. 151).

The Manchester Poll Book (Chet. Soc. *Miscell.*, vol. iii.), 1690, shows that Wroe was then living [at the Parsonage] in the Deansgate, when he was assessed for his house, two maids, and a manservant (*op. cit.*, p. 157).

(*Tithes Continued*).

On Nov. 16, 1631, Warden Richard Murray leased to Humphrey Chetham of Clayton, Esquire, all the tithes of corn and grain of (amongst other places) Cleyton, Failsworth, Droylsden, Kirdmansholme, Grindlow. (Chet. Soc., N.S., vol. 6, p. 116).

In October and November, 1649, the Manor of Newton was surveyed by three Surveyors or Commissioners, whose Return was dated Dec. 19, 1650, when the "annuall value of the Tythes

of the severall Towneshippes and Villages within the parishe of Manchester *Communibz Annis*," included :—

| | | | | | | | |
|---------------|---|----------------|------------------|---------------|---|---|-----------------|
| Kirkmanshulme | - | iiij <i>li</i> | Moston | - | - | - | xiiij <i>li</i> |
| ffailsworth | - | - | xviiij <i>li</i> | Nuthurst | - | - | v <i>li</i> |
| Droilesden | - | - | xv <i>li</i> | Clayton | - | - | xvj <i>li</i> |
| Newton | - | - | - | xxv <i>li</i> | | | |

The Annuall Rents for Tythes, included :—Moston for Tyth Hay payeth p anñ iijs.; Cleyden for Tyth Hay payeth p anñ iijs. (*Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc.*, vol. i., pp. 257–261).

On the back of the Tithe Book for 1584 (see *ante*, pp. 127–130), is endorsed in a later hand—Dividend for y^e year 1679.

Rec^d for y^e College of Christ in Manchester for y^e Great Tyth accruing in y^e year 1679 [total £475 16s. 0d., including the following items].

| | £ | s. | d. | | £ | s. | d. |
|-------------------|----|----|----|-----------------|----|----|----|
| For Ardwickes ... | 9 | 0 | 0 | For Chetham ... | 9 | 0 | 0 |
| Crumpsall ... | 15 | 0 | 0 | Openshaw ... | 6 | 0 | 0 |
| Bradford ... | 4 | 10 | 0 | Clayton ... | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Broughton, Mosson | | | | Newton ... | 13 | 10 | 0 |
| and Tetlow ... | 39 | 0 | 0 | Droylesden ... | 6 | 15 | 0 |
| Gorton ... | 17 | 0 | 0 | Kirkmanshulme | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Harpurhey ... | 3 | 5 | 0 | Failsworth ... | 10 | 0 | 0 |
| Blakely ... | 18 | 0 | 0 | | | | |

In 1701 the tithe of Newton and Bradford was let by the Warden and Fellows of Manchester to Christopher Wrightson, for £16 10s., and that of Kirkmanshulme was let to Mr. Syddall, of Slade, for £2 10s.

In 1848 the amount of tithes received by the Dean and Canons was £159 3s. 8d.

MANCHESTER MANOR COURT RECORDS.

THE *Manchester Court Lect Records*, edited by Mr. Earwaker, contain much information respecting places within the Newton Chapelry and the inhabitants, and the following extracts have been made from those volumes.

Thos. Greenhalgh of Brandlesome, near Bury, Esquire (son and heir of John Greenhalgh who died in 1556), made his Will dated January 23, 1575–6, proved at Chester, August 8, 1576.

His Inq. p. m. states that he died seized of lands in Moston, Blakelow, Newton, and Spotland. (Vol. i., p. 180 *n.*)

1577, April 11, Anthonye Moslaye hath purchased of Wm. Benbrigge, gentillman, certeyne closses lyenge betwixte the Hamell of Newton and Colyhurst, and is to doe his 3^{ve}.

Note. Anthony was third son of Edward Mosley of Hough End, gent., who died *c.* 1570. He was a clothier in Manchester, and subsequently purchased the Ancoats Estate, and died there in 1627. He attended on 1577, April 11, and was sworn and paid viijs. *jd.* (Vol. i., p. 182).

Lawrence Robinson of Salford, clothier, was brother of John Robinson of Strangeways. He was buried at Manchester Collegiate Church, May 10, 1587. His Inq. p. m. states that he died seized of messuages, lands, etc., in Newton and other places, and that Robert, his son and heir was twelve years of age. (Vol. ii., p. 15 *n.*)

Thos. Beck, son of Robert Beck (who died in 1556), was Boroughreeve of Manchester in 1581, and died January 24, 1587-8. His Inq. p. m. taken Sept. 23, 1588, states that he died seized of land in Newton and other places. Randle, his son and heir, was not quite nine years old. (Vol. ii., p. 20 *n.*)

On August 6, 1580, the persons appointed by John Lacy to take formal possession of the Manor of Manchester on his behalf, entered a house called Laborer's (Labrey's) house nere the ende of Market-stidde lane, and nowe in the tenure of one Robrte Holme of Newton, gent., or his assignes. (Vol. ii., p. 111 *n.*)

Geoffrey Hall was returned as son and heir of George Hall at the Court held October 4, 1570. (Vol. i., p. 135). His Will was dated Feb. 6, 1595-6, and proved at Chester, May, 1596. In it he is styled Jefferey Hall of Newton, yeoman, and mentions Alice, his wife; Adam Hall his son; his son-in-law Ralph Worthington, and Margaret his wife; his son-in-law Geo. Holland, and Anne his wife; his son-in-law Robert Jephson, and (Alice?) his wife; and his son-in-law Ralph Whitworth, and Jane his wife. On March 31, 1597, the Court Leet Jury found his heires to be vnd^r age. Adam Hall, the son, was on October 2, 1600, ordered to come to doe his sute before the next Leet (p. 162). On October 9, 1610, Raphe Whitworth was found to have purchased of Adam Hall [his brother-in-law?] two houses near the pinfold in Manchester, and was to doe his sute. (Vol. i., p. 256; vol. ii., p. 121 *n.*)

Byron Culcheth of Newton, gent., was on the jury at Manchester, on the Inq. p. m. of Thos. Edge on Sept. 22, 1608. (Vol. ii., p. 239 *n*.)

On April 20, 1609, Raphe Whitworth of Newton was found to have purchased one burgage in Manchester of Geo. Holte theld^r, Geo. Holte Young^r, and Anne his wyffe in the Hanging dich, late the land of Thos. Byrch a^s orchard, and ys at full age and ys to doe his sute. He was admitted at same Court. (Vol. ii., p. 242).

On October 6, 1609, Raphe Whitworth of Newton, was found to have purchased lands late of Robert Syddall in the Withingreave, ffor w^{ch} he is to be admitted tenante (Vol. ii. p. 247); on March 28, 1611, lands of Lawrence Langley, gent., and a messuage in the wthingreave in Manchester of Wm. Hardye (Vol. ii., p. 259); on April 28, 1614, several burgages in Hanginge ditche from the Holtes (Vol. ii., p. 291); and on Oct. 1, 1617, two burgages from Richd. Whitworth and John Whitworth, one at the end of Mealgate, and the other in the wthingreave. (Vol. ii., p. 322).

1621, April 19, John Whitworth of Newton is deceased, and his son is under age. [Note]. The Will of a John Whitworth of Newton, dated January 20, 1605-6, proved at Chester in 1606, mentions his son John, and the latter's six children. This is probably the son. He was buried at Manchester Collegiate Church on March 20, 1620-1, as John Whitworth of Newton, yeoman. (Vol. iii., p. 37).

1622, May 2, Raphe Whitworth of Newton is deceased, and his sonne and heire Richard is att full age. (Vol. iii., p. 52).

1623, October 9, John Barlowe of Manchester, tanner, purchased of Geo. Barne of Newton, yeoman, a burgage in the Milnegate. (Vol. iii., p. 71).

1624, Oct. 12, Wm. Wharmbie bought from Geo. Barne of Newton, a burgage in the Milnegate. (Vol. iii., p. 85).

1625, April 6, Adam Holland of Newton, the elder, is deceased, and Geo. Holland is his eldest son and heir. Adam was a Constable for Manchester, October 4, 1599. His Will dated May 8, 1613, was proved at Chester, January 25, 1624-5, and names his wife Elizabeth, and his children, James, Adam, John and Edmund Holland, and Margaret Robinson. George, his eldest son, was to have certain heir looms. His son-in-law, Richard Robinson, had a daughter, Margaret. His son George, had a son Adam, and George's wife was Katherine, their son

Garrett had married and died. Adam the son, married Alice, daughter of Jas. Chetham, of Nuthurst, gent. Another son, Theophilus, had died leaving a widow named Alice. The testator left his recently purchased lands in Failsworth to his son George, and heirs male, except the Highest Brunde Earth with remainder to testator's son Adam, and his heirs male. To his son James, he left the messuage called Bardsley, wherein he now dwells, and a cottage occupied by Edward Street. Four closes in Newton held for three lives called Siddall Fields were left to the son Adam for 99 years, if the lease so long continue, he paying to the grand-children, Joseph Holland £10, and his (Joseph's) two sisters five pounds apiece. His nephew Adam Holland, was to be an overseer with Edmund Chaderton, Adam Hall, and Robt. Baguley. In the list of debts, testator's sister Sisley, and her children were mentioned. The inventory included goods in the house of Adam Holland of Houlme Hall [Newton]. Testator was buried at Manchester Collegiate Church, Dec. 4, 1624. (Vol. iii., p. 90).

On April 5, 1626, Richd. Whitworth of Newton, was on the Jury. (Vol. iii., p. 112).

On October 9, 1627, Mr. Geo. Gee, min^r. of Gods word, is mentioned. (Vol. iii., p. 137). Mr. Earwaker's note respecting him appears *ante*, vol. i., p. 60.

1633, October 8, Adam Holland of Newton is lately deceased, and James is his son and heir and is at full age. [Note]. By his wife, Alice Chetham, he had a large family. His Will dated August 19, 1631, was proved at Chester August 2, 1633, and names his wife and his children, Joseph, Theophilus, Thos., John, Saml., and Margt., and his eldest son, James. The inventory is long and mentions things in different rooms in his house. (Vol. iii., p. 209).

1633, Sept. 29, Raphe Fogg of Newton, was bondsman for John Oates of Manchester, in *20li*, against Oates becoming chargeable. 1636, July 9, John Adison of Newton, was bondsman for Rabie Dawson of Manchester. 1638, May 26, Jas. Thorp of Newton, was bondsman for Thos. Shelmerdine of Manchester. (Vol. iii., pp. 273-5).

Wm. Butler of Manchester, innkeeper, by Will dated October 23, 1639, and proved at Chester, Feb. 27, 1639-40, appointed John Gilliam of Newton, to be an executor. (Vol. iii., p. 329 *n*.)

Humphrey Booth, the founder of Trinity Church, Salford, was son of Robert Booth of Salford and Isabel (Smith) his wife.



He was married at the Collegiate Church, August 23, 1603, to Elizabeth, daughter of Richd. Whitworth of Newton, near Manchester, by whom he had five children, two of whom only lived to maturity, viz: Robert, who died 1634, leaving issue; and Humphrey, who died in 1648, leaving issue. Humphrey sen., was a successful clothier and owned property extensively. (Vol. iv., p. 6*n*.)

In 1656 John Jackson of Newton, with Ralph Bury of Moston, was party to a Bond against Thos. Bury becoming chargeable to Manchester, and Jas. Williamson of Newton, entered into a similar Bond on April 5, 1656, for John Wiffson. (Vol. iv., p. 158).

1661, April 30, Ann Baguley of Newton, was fined xij*d*. for selling butter wanting weight. (Vol. iv., p. 287).

1669, October 5, the Records contain an Order on Thos. Rothwell to repair his pale or fence betwixt his tenement and the Rose and Crown in the Deansgate, but in the margin is noted "This lyes within the Mannor of Newton and not to bee taken notice of heere." (Vol. v., p. 96). The meaning of this marginal note is that the property in the Parsonage was part of the Church property, and so was a member of the Manor of Newton, and subject to the orders of that Manor Court.

1677, April 24, John Smith of Newton, was fined ten pence for selling leather unsealed, and making shoes of insufficient leather, and for leather insufficiently tanned. (Vol. vi., p. 31).

Thos. Beck was son and heir of Thos. Beck of Manchester, gent., by his wife Esther, daughter of Thos. Haworth of Manchester, whom he mar^d at Collegiate Church, Dec. 23, 1628. The father died July, 1645, and was buried at Collegiate Church on 20th. The son was baptised at Manchester, January 17, 1629-30. He married Mary, daughter of Wm. Bardsley of Manchester, by whom he had four sons and five daughters. He settled his estates Feb. 11, 1668-9. His property included a messuage and land in Newton, about ten acres, then in the tenure of Robert Wrightson, son of Christopher Wrightson, the late tenant, and another messuage and lands in Newton, then in the tenure of Edmund Grundy, son of Randle Grundy, the late tenant. (Vol. vi., p. 65*n*.)

1681, April 12, Robt. Bancroft of Newton, was fined vj*d*. for one pint [and] one gill too little; John Boardman, Adam Boardman, and Robt. Robinson, three pence a piece, for a pint too little each; John Taylor of Moston the same, and James

Jackson of Busick [Beswick] Bridge *vjd.* for one pint [and] one gill too little; and Jackson on October 5, 1681, was fined *1d.* for selling by false dishes, whilst John Rowbotham of Newton, was also fined a penny for selling by broken dishes after right dishes made. (Vol. vi., pp. 125, 134). 1683, October 9, Robt. Bancrofte of Newton, and John and Richard Hulme, both of Moston, were each fined *vjd.* for a pint milk measure too little, and John Wyld of Newton, was fined *js.* for a pint and a gill, and Joseph Berkett of Newton, *vjd.* for a pint. (Vol. vi., p. 178). 1735, October 9, Thos. Brown of Miles Platting, for selling bull bief out of season, fined two shillings (Vol. vii., p. 44). 1752, April 20, John Stott of Newton Heath, for two pounds and a half butter short of weight was fined *2s. 6d.* (Vol. vii., p. 208). 1758, October 11, John Fletcher of Newton, crofter, for exposing two pounds and a half of butter to sale short of weight, fined *5s.* (Vol. viii., p. 28). 1763, October 12, Betty Winterbottom of Newton, widow, for the like offence on 7 July last, fined *£1 1s. 0d.*; and James Wild of Newton, for the like offence on 3rd Sept. last, fined *10s.* (Vol. viii., p. 78). 1764, May 9, Thomas Sidebottom of Newton, for exposing three pounds of butter short of weight, on Feb. 10 last, fined *15s.* (Vol. viii., p. 81).

1786, May 3, Nathan Dunster was ordered to remove three cart loads of muck or dung, placed by him on the highway near Miles Platting for a month past, or to pay one guinea. (Vol. viii., p. 257).

CONSTABLES.

RITSON'S *Office of Constable*, 1815, tells us that the Constable of the Vill or Petty Constable, has been repeatedly acknowledged by the law to be one of the most ancient officers in the realm for the conservation of the Peace, and Lord Coke declared that the office was as ancient as torns or leets be. In the time of Henry III., a writ or mandate was issued that in every villate or township there should be constituted a constable or two according to the number of the inhabitants, but this officer was owing to the institution of the Frank Pledge, which is usually attributed to King Alfred, and the constable was originally the senior or chief pledge of the tithing.

There is little doubt that these tithing constables were

originally appointed by popular vote, which in feudal times was restricted to a nomination, by the Court Leet Jury, of individuals for appointment by the Lord of the Manor, or his steward, but the Justices in Quarter Sessions, although coming into existence at a much later date, namely, 1 Edward I. (having much to do with the constables), at an early date began to usurp both their election and control.

The modern policeman is a creation of Acts of Parliament, and has superseded the archaic township or parish constable.

On January 22, 1623, at the Manchester Sessions an Order was made that the constables of Gorton and Blakeley sho^d yearly at Michaelmas present for each of those townships the names of six persons, of whom two for each township wo^d be appointed by the Court to be constables, and in 1624 the outgoing constables failed to present the list and were fined 50s. each, but the fine was remitted on their attending with the list before the Court rose and the appointments were made. This was perhaps pursuant to a Statute of that time. There seems to have been a conflict between the Sessions and the Manorial Court on the subject, or else the Manorial Court invoked the aid of the Session to enforce the submission of the townships as being part of the Manor, the boundaries of which ran with those of the ancient Parish.

For Gorton within the Manor and Parish of Manchester, Mr. Higson tells us (*Gorton*, p. 9), that for several centuries the peace was maintained by two constables appointed by a town's meeting, and confirmed by the April Court Leet for the Manor.

This was probably the system prevailing in the townships which formed the Newton Chapelry, but Newton as a Manor nominated its own constables.

For Stretford the constables were nominated by the Court Baron Grand Jury, and were appointed by the Lord of the Manor.

The Newton Manor Court Rolls record several appointments of constables, and the index will supply the names of others,

but as it would not be a complete list it has not been deemed necessary to extract them here.

In 1796 a constable, who was sent to serve a warrant in the neighbourhood of Newton, was compelled by the people to eat the document. (Axon, *Annals of Manchester*, p. 124).

On July 15, 1837, on the laying of Failsworth New School Foundation Stone, the Newton constables, James Taylor and Nicholson Varley, Esquires, headed the procession, and were followed by the Newton Chapel-wardens, Messrs. Taylor, Booth, Parkinson, and Moston.

MANCHESTER SESSIONS RECORDS.

IN Mr. Ernest Axon's *Manchester Sessions* (Lanc. and Ches. Record Soc., vol. 42), there are numerous entries throwing light on every day life in Newton, between 1616 and 1622, as shown by the following extracts :—

1616, October 8, the Justices being engaged on building a new House of Correction, required Robert Holme of Newton, Thos. Heape of Bradford, Jo. Travis of Failsworth, and James Grimshall of Droylsden, to enter into recognizances in £10 each to appear at the next Sessions, or in the meantime pay the sums taxed upon their townships for the building of a House of Correction. (p. 8).

1617, October 6, Nicholas Travis of Newton, labourer, was summoned for affiliation, and on October 18, John Whitworte of Newton, yeoman, entered into bail for Travis's appearance at the next Sessions. (pp. 31-2).

1618, August 6, Richard Whitworth of Newton, yeoman, summoned Martha Worrall of Moston, for leaving his service without permission. (p. 46).

1618, Sept. 26, Robt. Holme of Newton, husbandman, bailed John Smith of Collihurst, linen webster. (p. 56).

1618-9, Feb. 14, Hugh Bordman of Newton, husbandman, was bound in £10, not to use any unlawful games (p. 81), and on Feb. 27, Hugh took the oath of allegiance [being a Roman Catholic?] (p. 82), and on March 5, Edward Boardman of Newton, yeoman, took the oath. (p. 83).

1619-20, Feb. 10, Charles Bateson of Newton, linen weaver, was bound over in £10, not to play at unlawful games (p. 98), and on March 18, Arthur Butterworth of Newton, alehouse-keeper, was summoned to be of good behaviour, and to appear at the next Sessions,

and meanwhile not to sell any beer; and on the same day Thomas and William Smith of Newton, linen weavers, with Wm. Street of Moston, yeoman, and John Partington of Newton, linen weaver, as their sureties, were bound over to appear at the next Sessions. (pp. 102-3).

On March 24, 1619-20, Jane Butterworth of Newton, spinster, summoned Alice, wife of Robert Holme of the same place, husbandman, and Alice, her daughter, to keep the peace (p. 103), and the daughter was bailed by Ralph Kenyon of Ancoats, yeoman, and Robt. Pyecroft of Ancoats. (p. 103).

1620, May 4, a warrant was granted against Arthur Butterworth of Newton, alehouse-keeper, for having suffered divers persons to drink and be disordered in his house in time of divine service upon the Sabbath day, and he was to be committed for three days and before being delivered he was to find sureties for his good behaviour, and not thereafter to use selling of ale and beer, and it is added Arthur Butterworth was "suppressed." (p. 114).

On May 30, 1620, Robert Baguley of Newton, yeoman, summoned John Marler, Geo. Ouldham, and Edward Marler of Kerdmansholme, husbandmen, for breach of the peace (p. 115), and on June 3, Ouldham was put under sureties to appear at the next Sessions. (p. 116).

On Dec. 8, 1620, John Baguley of Newton, yeoman, was bound over to appear at the next Sessions in an affiliation case. Eliza Dancie, *alias* Crowe, of Failsworth, was the complainant, and Sam Smith of Failsworth, yeoman, and Robt. Jannie of Manchester, haberdasher, were bail for Baguley's appearance (p. 135), but at the Sessions on January 20, warrants were issued for the arrest of John Baguley and Robt., his brother, of Newton, yeoman, and Nicholas Roades at the instance of Ralph Marler of Failsworth, yeoman. (p. 136).

1621, June 26, a summons was issued against George Street of Newton, labourer, on the complaint of Edmund Lees (p. 148), and on July 2, Anna Whitehead of Newton, spinster, took out an affiliation summons against Abraham Wyld of Ouldham, husbandman. (p. 149).

1621-2, Feb. 25, John Shacklock of Moston, gentleman, summoned Richd. Whittworth of Newton, yeoman, for breach of the peace, and George Barnes of Newton, husbandman, and Geo. Boardman of Newton, linen weaver, were his sureties. (p. 160).

1622, Nov. 29, John Smith of Newton, webster, with Wm. Street of Moston, yeoman, were bondsmen for Arthur Butterworth of Manchester, webster, that Arthur Butterworth would not keep an alehouse, nor use selling beer, until he should be licensed so to do by the Justices. (p. 165).

1622-3, Feb. 24, Ralph Graver of Newton, bailed George Thorpe of Moston, linen weaver, for breaking into Moston Mill, and stealing half a hoop of oatmeal from two sacks. (p. 181).

MANCHESTER CONSTABLES' ACCOUNTS.

THE *Manchester Constables' Accounts* contain the following Newton items:—

[Vol. i., p. 24]. Year ending Mich., 1617. Received of the towne for one laie taxed vpon the towne of Manchester by virtue of an order at the Sessions, houlden att Manchester the xvijth Julie, 1616, that *vli* should be paid for an escape, the w^{ch} the Constables of Dralesden did suffer one John Burshall, the w^{ch} killed one John Mason, to escape. Thefore it was ordered [under Stat. of Winchester, 13 Edwd. I., amended by 27 Eliz., cap. 13], that *vli* shalbe ratablie taxed vpon the said towne of Manchester *cum membris*, as other laies have beene taxed, *ijli* ix. *ijd.*; and from the hamells, *iiijli* vjs. *viiijd.*

[Vol. i., p. 26]. Paied forthe for the second booke for the escape in Dralesden to Richard Heape, *vli*.

[Vol. i., p. 31]. Itm. for makinge of p^rcepts vnto the hamelles by order to vs directed [etc.] for one escape w^{ch} the Constable of Dralesden did suffer one John Burshall [etc.] xxjth June, 1617, and for sendinge them forthe, *ijs. vjd.*

[p. 69]. Yr. endg. October, 1620. p^d for whipinge Robert Bradicke and his wyffe and sendinge them to the Constables of Newton and ther passe, *ixd.* [Items of similar purport frequently appear in these Accounts].

[p. 82]. 1622, Ap. 26. Rec^d more of the hammells (in pte of xxxvjs. *iiijd.* w^{ch} is third pte of a laye for bridges, for the M^r of the house of Corection and for maimed souldiers), the some of xvijjs. *iiijd.*, and the rest is to be collected by the succeëdinge Constables; of ffaylsworth, *iiijjs. vijd.*; of Newton, vjs. *ijd.*

[p. 91]. Yr. endg. Mich., 1623. Rec^d of y^e constables of Newetonn for oxe money [a County contribution for the King's Household], and other charges in y^e first laye, 6s. 8d.

Rec. of the Const. of newtō for y^e [seconde] laye, 7s. 5d.

[p. 114]. May 29, ffor whippinge Elizabethe Hultonne of the pishe of Ashton, and bringinge her to Newton, 6d.

[p. 134]. 1624-5, Jan. 4. Receaud Hew and Crye from the constables of Newton to make search for Abraham Wild *alias* Cramptonne of Cramptonne, and James Buckleze and James Taylior of Castleetonne for stayling of vijs. of James Whittegers of Hangeinge Chatterton, and makinge searche and sendinge to the Constables of Salford, 4d.

[Similar items are of frequent occurrence in these Accounts].

[p. 148]. July 25. Paid for Anne Robinsonne of Carnarvonne, who was taken in a priuye searche at Newton, and had a passe made by the Justices and for sendinge to Stretford, 3d.

Sept. 14. Paid for sendinge of two p^rceptes sent forom the Crowner

to summone eight men, fflowre out of Cheetame and fowre out of Newtonne, to bee of the Croner's quest in bout Steephanne Gee, 3*d*.

[p. 161]. 1625-6, Jan. xxixth. Made seairch upon a hewe and crye y^t was brought frome Newton for John Wynterbottome, a swailor [corn dealer], being accussed of ffellonie, and delyvered the hewe and crye at Chorton rowe Constable, 8*d*.

[p. 164]. Apr. xijth. Made a pase for Milles Lee of Lee in Asheton vnderlyne prishe; was pvnished and brought toe Newton, 5*d*.

May xxxth. Robt. Platt of Asheton vnd^r lyne, a piper, had a pase and brought toe Newton, 4*d*.

[p. 240]. 1629, Oct. 24. Paied for makeinge of a p^rcept and sending it to the Cunstables of Newton for a cart to leade psalt Peeter Lickor, 6*d*. [For the making of gun-powder].

[p. 246]. 1629-30, Feb. 27. p^d for makeinge p^rcepts and d^d them to y^e Cunstables of Droylsden, Gorton, and Croomsall, for ffree Holders to bring there cartes for S Psalt peeter men, 1*s*. 6*d*.

[p. 288]. Recd. of the Cunstab. of Newton and Kirdmanshulme for the Must^r Maistr [his pension], 7*s*. 8*d*.

[p. 294]. Nov 4. Pd for goinge to Newton wth a poore woman, 4*d*.

[p. 299]. Danyell Otts, John Ots, and Ralph Fogg of Newtonn, bound to S^r Cicell Trafford, y^t John Otts nor his ffamely shall become chargabl [to Manchester Poor Rate in] 20*li* bond, 1633.

[p. 128]. July xx, 1625. Receaued of the Constables of the hammells, for a lay made for Claytonne forth [Ford] Bridge, the somme of iij*li* xiijs.

[p. 146]. May 21. Paid for p^rceptes, and deliveringe theime to the hammells, for Claytonne forth Bridge.

[Vol. ii., p. 56]. Rec^d from Hamlls theire due part for cariage of Salt peeter vessels towards yorke, £1 14*s*. 9*d*.

[p. 62]. Pd for hireing wagins to cariē salt peeter vessells towards York, £3 10*s*.

[p. 132]. Dec. 30, 1646. P^d for sendinge a Viu Crie [hew and cry] to Newton after a prisoner w^{ch} made an escape, being accused for clipping or coyninge, 4*d*.

[p. 218]. Amongst the Burgesses assessed for County Rate in Manchester in 1651, were Mr. James Holland of Newton, 8*d*.; Mr. Robart Owldham, p James Worthington of Neuton, 1*s*.

[Vol. iii., p. 140]. Oct. 12, 1762. P^d expences three messengers for evidences into Moston, 1*s*., wages 3*s*. [about a Riot].

[Vol. iii., p. 150]. Mar. 11, 1762-3. Pd 17 of S^r Robert's [Rich's] Dragoons to Oldham to apprehend Rioters, and also 12 other assistants, their breakfasts, etc., 18*s*. 6*d*.

Pd at the Shears at Newton-heath coming back, 3*s*.

P^d four more assistants thither and back with prisoners, 10*s*.

[Vol. iii., p. 188]. 1769, Jany. 26. To an inquisition, a man kill'd in Newton, 1s. 4d.

[Vol. iii., p. 191]. To making enquiry in Newton, in pursuance of an information, after the two robbers [two Germans], 1s. 6d.

[p. 219]. 1772. Mar. 5. To an inquisition over Joseph Youell, 2s. 4d. [Joseph Yeuell, a drawer, was killed whilst working "in the coal pits in Newton Lane near this town," owing to the fall of the roof. *Manch. Registers*].

[p. 304]. Mr. Chippendale's bill of costs shows that a cause in which the Manchester Constables were defendants was referred, by rule of Court at Lancaster, to Mr. Greaves of Culcheth in Newton, whose sisters lived in Church Street, Manchester, and the reference was held 20th May, 1774, at the College.

[p. 352]. 1776. Rec^d from Hamlets their $\frac{2}{3}$ of the Bridgewarrants, and Salary of the Governor of the House of Correction, and his expenses, one £54 19s., one £30 7s.

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|------------|-----|-----|---|----|-----------------|---|----|-----------------|
| Bradford | ... | ... | 1 | 6 | 9 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 0 | 17 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Drylesden | ... | ... | 3 | 12 | 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 1 | 18 | 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Newton | ... | ... | 6 | 0 | 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 3 | 4 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| Failsworth | ... | ... | 4 | 9 | 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ | 2 | 8 | 6 $\frac{1}{2}$ |

SURVEYORS OF HIGHWAYS.

THESE were appointed annually and the *Manchester Constables' Accounts* occasionally refer to them thus, vol. iii., p. 93 :—

1757, Dec. 24, to writing Warrants to the eleven Hamlets for new Surveyors of Highways, 3s.

In 1620, when Sir John Byron and his son conveyed to Geo. Chetham of London, grocer, and Humphrey Chetham of Manchester, chapman, Clayton Hall and Clayton Mill, with all dams, mills, pools, etc., and all the highways, lanes, waste grounds, and other ways and passages, and the ground or soil of the same, in Clayton, and messuages in Clayton, Failsworth, Droylsden, Woodhouse, and Manchester, with fields, etc., thereto belonging, in the occupation of Richd. Heap, Robt. Hibbert, Widow Hill, Nicholas Johnson, Wm. Clough, Thos. Taylor, Edmd. Ashton, John Travers, and Wm. Scrimshaw [Grimshaw?], the Deed was endorsed that "no part of the soil in the highways in Failsworth, extending from Newton Heath

northward towards Hollinwood, was to pass by the feoffment." (Higson's *Droylsden*, p. 40).

The Newton Town Books cannot now be found, but from what is known about them they contained considerable information, the loss of which is to be regretted.

The duties of the Highway Surveyors were taken over by the Local Board, and in connection with litigation, so late as 1878, the old books were consulted and notes taken from them. Mr. Higson's notes respecting them are given hereafter.

LOCAL BOARD.

ON Dec. 29, 1853, an Order in Council applied the Public Health Act, 1848 (11 and 12, Vict., cap 63), to the township of Newton, including Kirkmanshulme, which continued to be governed by the Board until 1859, when a Provisional Order was confirmed by the Local Government Supplemental Act, 1859 (22 Vict., cap 31), by which Kirkmanshulme was severed, and was for Highway purposes constituted a township, and since that time Kirkmanshulme has been under the Rural Sanitary jurisdiction of the Prestwich Board of Guardians.

At a township meeting held on April 16, 1851, a resolution was passed against the introduction of the 1848 Act, but William Marshall Ireland of Church Terrace, and Joseph Taylor, surgeon, busied themselves in favour of it, and on April 30th, lodged a petition with the General Board of Health in London for an enquiry. It was signed by:—Edward Nightingale, Charles Ellis and Joseph Long as Guardians of the Poor; by John Warhurst, Chas. Fitton, and Thos. Tongue as Overseers of the Poor; by William and John Pegg and Joseph Taylor, as surgeons practising in Newton, as well as by Mr. Ireland, Alfred Norton, William Nimmo, Collinson and Simpson, John Welch, John Chadwick, James Clegge, Philip Berry, Geo. Briscoe, and many others of "all grades, from the largest employer of operatives to the humblest occupant of a rated tenement."

Counter petitions were lodged by John Rigg and others, as owners and occupiers of land, etc., in Monsall Lane, Grimshaw's Lane, and Ten Acres Lane; by John Marsh and others for Oldham Road, from Failsworth to the White Hart; by Garside Gradwell and others, for Albion Street, Hulme Hall Lane and district; by Wm. Robinson and others, for Droylsden Road, from the Church to Clayton Bridge, Long Lane, Bury Brow district, etc.; by Joseph Smith and others for Church Street, Mitchell Street, and Culcheth Lane; by Wm. Bradley and others for Great Newton Street and district thereabout; by James Ogden and others for Dean Lane, followed by one from the usual old inhabitant (a specimen of the survival of the fittest amongst the insanitary conditions which were becoming intolerable), Joshua Wyatt aged 86, and one by Abraham Taylor, church-warden, and John Wyatt, senior overseer.

The Inquiry was begun on July 28, 1851, by Robert Rawlinson, C.E., whose Report (sixty-seven pages, with two maps), was printed and issued on Feb. 28, 1852. In it Mr. Rawlinson calls attention (pp. 15 and 16) to the fact that the excess of sickness and death in Lancashire was constant in infancy, in adult age, and in both sexes; that the death rate in well regulated districts was only 15 per 1000, but in Newton was 22·1 per thousand, and, "if the township continues to be unsewered, undrained, and unregulated, may be increased to that of Manchester and Salford, which is upwards of 31·0 per 1,000."

He also commented (p. 13) on the want of power over new streets, as evidenced at Gagg's Fields, where the adjoining streets, up to the extreme verge of Manchester, were in vivid contrast to "the open spaces, which ought to be a continuation, but were impassable," adding (p. 14) "the poverty of the handloom weaver renders him peculiarly sensitive to the evil influences of defective drainage."

He entered into a calculation that in five years the district had lost by excessive illness and premature or preventible

mortality no less than £17,907, or £3,969 annually, and pointed out that "no sewer nor water rate will approach this amount."

Charles Fitton, overseer, stated that there were seven slaughter houses at Gaggs' Fields, the filth from which passed out on to the land; and "slink" butchers killed diseased cattle there, at each place from five to twenty diseased cows (p. 52).

Some houses in Holland Street, Gaggs' Fields, belonging to Mr. Samuel Lancashire, were found by Mr. Rawlinson to have several inches of water in them for want of drains. Joseph Norbury complained that it cost him £3 per annum to get the water out of his house-cellar at the corner of Albion Street. Richard Parker, relieving officer, mentioned that in Church Street, there was a cellar in which eighteen persons resided at one time, and several cases of fever came from it.

The church-yard was described as very stiff clay, but burials in it were frequently within eighteen inches of the surface, so that the wheel of a mason's barrow went through into a coffin, and in many cases the gravestone actually rested on the coffin (pp. 54-6). *

"The proceedings were characterised by great disorder, fierce disputes, and angry personal altercations, few appearing to consider themselves bound to act with ordinary courtesy towards the promoters" (p. 34). During the enquiry there was an eclipse of the sun, a deluge of rain from thunder clouds poured down, and there was a sudden irruption of females, crying "We are flooded out of our houses" (p. 35).

Pop Gardens, Mr. Rawlinson described (p. 35) as "a very dirty district in which a number of squatters have erected huts, huddled together without order, surrounded by filth. Such water as they use is obtained from the canal, or stagnant pits, or from inhabitants of distant streets." Pop Gardens were near Vickers' Bone Works.

New cottage houses were springing as rapidly and devoid of order as mushrooms, by means of loans from building clubs, the borrowers having no other resources beyond wages, varying

from 14s. to 30s. per week, so that they had to resort to every expedient to avoid expense in construction (p. 52).

A plan (copy attached to the Report) showed the Poor's Land; the part north of the canal between Mitchell Street and Chapel Highway covered with buildings, and the part south of the canal (from Chapel Highway eastwards to the Failsworth boundary) covered with buildings, between Chapel Highway and Droylsden Road and partially so to the east of Droylsden Road, and it was alleged that the Trustees (who were the Dean and Canons, with the incumbent who was presented by that body, and the church-warden who was appointed by the incumbent, and all of whom discreetly selected the rest of the twenty-four Trustees), asked the prohibitive price of 6*d.* per yard perpetual ground rent for this Poor's Land, so that it could not compete with the rest of the Church land in Newton, and for fifteen years no sales of it had been effected, and thus the Poor Rate was not benefitted by the rents which the land should be producing.

The Trustees acted under a Private Act, 5 Geo. IV., passed in 1824, and in 1838, when Manchester was seeking to become a borough, the Trustees petitioned against the inclusion of Newton within the proposed borough, with which it had no connection beyond that of the parliamentary franchise. At that time there were forty-five farms, and only 900 householders, six mills, and five streets, and on Feb. 14, 1838, the inhabitants held a public meeting to protest against the inclusion of Newton.

In 1824 the Poor's Land east of Droylsden Road, was bounded on the east or Failsworth side by land of John Birch and Edwd. Greaves, and on the south by land which in 1804 was allotted to John Lowe's executors.

Reverting to the movement for forming a Local Board, Mr. Rawlinson had appointed to hold a further enquiry with regard to boundaries if Kirkmanshulme was to be excluded, and this took place on July 23, 1852, when Garside Gradwell alleged in a memorial that it would require a troop of soldiers to enforce

an Order if made, such was the furious spirit of opposition which had been aroused.

With customary leisureliness a Provisional Order was prepared excluding Kirkmanshulme, but it was then discovered that obtaining Parliamentary approval would cause so much delay that recourse was had to an Order in Council, which was made on Dec. 29, 1853, and accidentally or otherwise included Kirkmanshulme. However, this was rectified after an enquiry held in June, 1858.

The first meeting of the Local Board was held Feb. 20, 1854, and nine members were present, namely Wm. Marshall Ireland, John Taylor, Alfred Norton, Eli Atkin, Wm. Howarth, Jno. Welch, Geo. Simpson, Edwd. Nightingale, and Saml. Lancashire. Mr. Ireland was elected Chairman, and Mr. Taylor, Vice-chairman; and the house recently erected by John Etchells was taken as offices at £16 per annum. On March 9, Saml. H. Needham of Newton Heath, was appointed clerk and collector; and on April 6, Thos. Booth was appointed surveyor and nuisance inspector. On October 4, 1855, Dr. John Pegg was appointed Medical Officer of Health.

After due deliberation, namely on Jan. 10, 1856, the General Board of Health sent in an account for £153 15s. 11d., as the cost of the enquiries and applying the Public Health Act, 1848, to Newton Heath.

The newly formed Board addressed themselves in earnest to the suppression of slink butchering, in spite of frequent checks owing to legal and technical difficulties; and further insisted on the closing of all cellar dwellings, in spite of the protests of interested owners and callous tenants. They also tackled with vigour the problem of draining the District, and putting the streets and roads into proper order, and in a few years, with the help of a modest rate of 1s. 3d. in the £, had rescued affairs from their old chaotic state.

During these busy years, which are recorded in the first Minute Book (Feb. 20, 1854, to Dec. 27, 1860), the Chairmen

were, until April 5, 1855, Mr. Ireland; April, 1855-6, Eli Atkin; April, 1856-7, Edwd. Nightingale; April, 1857-8, Samuel Lancashire; April, 1858-9, James Clark; April, 1859-60, John Chadwick; April, 1860, Wm. Marshall Ireland.

On July 11, 1881, the Board of Trade certified that the tramways were fit for public traffic. On the expiration of the Manchester, Oldham and Austerlands Turnpike Trust, the Board received in December, 1880, a balance of £40 7s. 7d.

On March 6, 1885, a meeting of owners and ratepayers of Newton Heath passed a resolution in favour of being amalgamated with the City of Manchester, but on a poll being taken on March 25, the votes were 845 for amalgamation, and 1,227 against it (Axon's *Annals of Manchester*, p. 414-5). The Manchester Corporation had included the District in their City Extension Bill, and on May 4, 1885, the Lords' Select Committee decided to exclude it.

In 1890, however, the Local Board District was amalgamated with the city.

POOR LAW.

AN Act of 1662 directed that hamlets and villages should be formed into parochial districts for the relief of the poor, and about 1663 books for the use of the Newton Township were bought.

In 1721 an oak coffer in which to keep the books, was also bought, and in 1862, Mr. Higson described it as decayed, and its lock had been wrenched from its place. (*MS.*, p. 79).

In 1782 James Beswick was Overseer of Newton. (*Failsworth Town's Book*).

About 1840 Philip Lancashire bought the Town's Poor House and pulled it down. The site forms part of Great Newton Street. (Higson, *MS.*, p. 80).

In 1842 Newton was in the Manchester Poor Law Union, but at a later date was part of the Prestwich Union, and elected three Guardians. (Higson, *MS.*, p. 80).

A few years after the Townships of Newton, Bradford and the hamlet of Kirkmanshulme had been joined to the City of Manchester, they were (under an order confirmed by Parliament in 1896) re-formed into Wards of new amalgamated Townships, called the North and South Manchester Townships, and the Overseers for the Newton Heath Ward in 1903 were Jas. Newton Walker and Geo. Evans, J.P.; for Miles Platting Ward, Councillors Saml. Dixon and Jas. Bowes; for Bradford Ward, Edwd. Williams, J.P., John Collinson, Robt. Whitehead, and Jas. Wm. Mitchell; and for Longsight Ward, Alderman Charles Jennison.

In 1903 the Poor Law Guardians for the old Chapelry area were: Newton Ward, Wm. Thos. Evans, Robt. Fishwick, John Hamnett, and the Rev. E. F. Letts; Failsworth, Saml. Johnson and Joseph Standring; Bradford Ward, Wm. Thos. Ashcroft, Rev. Wm. Sassen; Kirkmanshulme, Chas. Jennison.

PARLIAMENTARY.

FOR parliamentary purposes, under the first Reform Act, Newton formed part of the Borough of Manchester, though for civil purposes it did not form part of the Municipal Borough or City until the Manchester Extension Act, 1890.

At the present time for parliamentary election purposes, Miles Platting and Newton Heath are partly in the North Division of the City, and partly in the North-east Division; Bradford is in the East Division; and Kirkmanshulme is in the South Division; Failsworth, however, is part of the Prestwich Division of the County of Lancaster.

In 1851-2 there were 384 Borough Voters, and in 1853-4, 430.

In 1835-6 the County Voters numbered 37. (Higson, *MS.*, p. 80). In 1852 the County Voters numbered 81.

STATISTICS.

NEWTON (including Kirkmanshulme) has been variously admeasured. Rickman computed it for the Population Returns



in 1831 at 1,280 acres statute measure, but Johnson & Sons' survey in 1820 gave it as 1,498 acres, and the Ordnance Survey ascertained it to be 1,584 acres, 3 roods, 16 poles. (Higson, *MS.*, p. 79).

In 1773, the historian, Dr. John Whitaker, whose connection with Newton is noticed elsewhere in this History, was associated with other gentlemen in Manchester in having a census taken of Manchester Parish. The result is contained in three quarto vols. which Dr. Whitaker deposited in the Chetham College Library (catalogue number 6710), on April 27, 1778, on his removal from Manchester to Cornwall. In Manchester and Salford the streets and house numbers are given, but no names.

Manchester Township fills vol. i., the Out Townships vol. 2., and Salford vol. 3.

So far as concerns the Newton Chapelry the following summary must serve :—

| | Newton. | Failsworth. | Bradford. | Kedmans- hulme. |
|--------------|---------|-------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Houses ... | 85 | 223 | 13 | 10 |
| Empty Houses | 3 | 1 | 1 | ... |
| Families ... | 92 | 242 | 17 | 10 |
| Males ... | 281 | 689 | 44 | 29 |
| Females ... | 276 | 664 | 55 | 25 |
| Married ... | 173 | 413 | 32 | 18 |
| Widowers ... | 10 | 24 | ... | ... |
| Widows ... | 8 | 26 | 2 | 2 |
| Under 15 ... | 215 | 614 | 46 | 18 |
| Above 50 ... | 61 | 157 | 11 | 10 |
| Above 60 ... | 18 | 49 | 2 | 4 |
| Above 70 ... | 9 | 21 | 2 | 2 |
| Above 80 ... | 3 | 3 | ... | ... |

It will be observed that in Kedmanshulme alone was each house occupied by not more than one family. In Newton there were seven families more than the number of occupied houses, and in Failsworth nineteen more families than occupied houses. The population per house was consequently above the average, except in Kirkmanshulme.

Since then the Census Returns for Newton have been :—

| | Total. | | Total. |
|------|------------------------|------|------------|
| 1801 | ... 1,295 | 1861 | ... 14,908 |
| 1811 | ... 1,784 | 1871 | ... 19,446 |
| 1821 | ... 2,577 ¹ | 1881 | ... 31,240 |
| 1831 | ... 4,377 | 1891 | ... 36,834 |
| 1841 | ... 6,127 | 1901 | ... 36,478 |
| 1851 | ... 10,802 | | |

In 1655 there were thirty-nine ratepayers in Newton Heath, and six months' rate realised £11 5s. 4d. The ratepayers included John Gilliam and his mother, John Kenion, Thos. Byron, John Hartley, Adam Hall, Widow Hall, Jo. Booker, Mr. James Holland, and Mr. Holland, clerke.

In 1692 the annual value was £252 7s. 6d. On April 15, 1814, it was £5,866, and in 1829 £9,325.

In 1841 the Township was valued for County Rate purposes at £21,953.

In 1847 the annual value for Poor Rate purposes was £24,540, and the rate realised £1,456 14s. 3d. (Higson, *MS.*, pp. 79–80).

In 1852 it was £36,576, and the rateable value (after allowing one fourth value only for agricultural land), £31,428. (Fielding, *Rural Gleanings*, p. 135).

In 1834 there were 10 public-houses in the Township. (Higson, *MS.*, p. 80). In 1852 there were 13, with an annual value of £952, including the Belle Vue Gardens, assessed at £403; Beer-houses 47, assessment £723; Farmers 87, assessment £3,591; Shops 109, assessment £1,534; Cotton Mills 7, assessed at £1,383; Silk Mills 3, assessment £477; Bleach and Dye Works 9, assessment £620; Rochdale Canal,

¹ The Newton Register contains a "Census of Newton Chapelry taken in 1821." This gives Newton, 2,577; Failsworth, 593; Droylsden, 3,358; Bradford, 2,855; Beswick, 95; Total 9,478.

Mr. Higson remarks on the omission of Moston, which at that date took as active part in Newton Wakes as did Droylsden, and the whole of Moston no more pertained to Blackley Chapel than did Droylsden, Beswick, and Bradford to Gorton Chapel. (Higson, *MS.*, p. 96).

£407; Railways, £6,530; Coalmine, £300; Inhabited Cellars 32, assessed at £96; Chemical Works 10, assessment £554; Match and Pill Box Manufactories 3, assessed at £133; Steel and File Works 1, assessment £500; Brass and Iron Foundries 2, assessment £51; Gas Works 1, assessment £51. (Fielding's *Rural Gleanings*, p. 135).

CHAPEL RATE.

ON April 26, 1751, for the years 1749-1751, the Chapelry agreed to a Chapel rate of ten pence upon each single seat for repairs and other needs, and the Minutes were signed by Mr. Crouchley, minister, and Messrs. James and John Clough, Edmund Newton and Richd. Fletcher. It was to be sixpence per seat for the next three years.

The Chapel Lay at sixpence per seat laid January, 1755, was as follows :—

| | s. | d. | | s. | d. |
|---|----|----|--|----|----|
| Edward Chetham of Castleton, | | | Widow Heywood's ... | 1 | 0 |
| Esq., for Heap's (Bridge End, | | | and for Richard Hulme's ... | 2 | 0 |
| Droylsden) | 1 | 6 | Mrs. Lighthboun of London for | | |
| Thorp's | 1 | 0 | Dane Brook | 1 | 0 |
| Millhouses | 1 | 0 | Lightboun Hall | 2 | 6 |
| Miller's | 1 | 6 | Newton Lane | 1 | 6 |
| Graver Yate | 2 | 6 | and in the Chancel | 2 | 6 |
| Astrologer's | 1 | 0 | Mr. Greaves | | |
| Nuthurst | 4 | 6 | Mr. Clive for Scotland | 2 | 0 |
| Rhodes's | 1 | 0 | For Townley's | 1 | 0 |
| and in the Chancel | 1 | 6 | Clock House | 1 | 6 |
| Mrs. Chetham for Hardman Fold | 1 | 6 | and for Clayton Bridge | 2 | 0 |
| Christopher Wagstaff's | 2 | 0 | Mr. John Lingard, Wrigley Head | 1 | 3 |
| Joshua Thorp | 1 | 6 | Ralph Hall's | 1 | 3 |
| Dob Lane | 1 | 0 | Rowel Cote | 1 | 0 |
| Peter Coppock's | 1 | 0 | Mr. Dickinson in Sal[for] ^d for | | |
| Wolstencroft's | 1 | 3 | Edward Moors | 1 | 6 |
| Ralph Hobson's | 1 | 6 | and for Samuel Smith's | 1 | 0 |
| Rydings's | 1 | 6 | Mr. Stopford | 1 | 0 |
| Peter Fletcher or Holebottom ... | 1 | 0 | Mr. Scholes | 1 | 6 |
| and John Hulton's | 1 | 0 | Thomas Syddall | 1 | 6 |
| Nuthurst | 4 | 0 | Mr. Cordingley | 1 | 3 |
| Moston Hall | 2 | 6 | Widow Jonson, Monkey H[ouse] | 1 | 6 |
| and for Stevenson Fold | 2 | 0 | Mrs. Sanders for Coe's | 1 | 0 |
| Edward Greaves, Esq., for Culcheth | 5 | 0 | Cap ⁿ . Hulton | 2 | 0 |
| Grimshaw's | 1 | 6 | Mr. Diggle | 1 | 6 |
| Wrigley Head | 1 | 0 | Mr. Stringfellow | 1 | 0 |
| Sam. Ravald's | 1 | 0 | Mrs. Beswick | 1 | 0 |
| Greenside, farther Ho ^e | 2 | 0 | Mr. Lloyd | 1 | 0 |
| Dob lane House | 1 | 6 | Mr. Hope | 1 | 6 |

| | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> | | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
|--|-----------|-----------|--|-----------|-------------|
| Mr. Jenkinson for Lime ... | 2 | 0 | Mr. Finch, postmaster, Schofield | | |
| and Mr. Worthington for Wicken | | | Exec ^r | 1 | 6 |
| Tree ... | 1 | 0 | Taylor for Ned Woolston ^m | 1 | 0 |
| John Warren for J ^s . Smith's ... | 1 | 0 | Mr. Jno. Clough ... | 2 | 6 |
| Mr. Burgess ... | 1 | 0 | Mrs. Wroe ... | 2 | 6 |
| James Fletcher ... | 1 | 6 | Mr. Battersbee, Mr. Leese in Man- | | |
| Mr. Alexander ... | 1 | 6 | chester ... | 2 | 6 |
| Ralph Smith, Booth Fold ... | 2 | 0 | Widow Lightbown for Bank Top | 1 | 6 |
| Mr. James Clough... .. | 1 | 3 | [Susan Sandiford [cancelled]] ... | | |
| Edmund Newton ... | 1 | 3 | Mr. Greaves ... | 1 | 6 |
| Alexander Wyld or Mr. Hobson | 1 | 6 | Jno. Chorton ... | 1 | 6 |
| Mr. Tricket, Mr. Birch ... | 2 | 0 | James Key, Jno. Fletcher... .. | 1 | 6 |
| Mr. Clowes for R ^d . Roth ^l . in | | | Dr. Bentley, Jno. Clough... .. | 1 | 6 |
| New[ton] ... | 1 | 6 | Mrs. Fletcher, Cooks, Jno. Smith | 1 | 6 |
| Mr. Bailey ... | 1 | 0 | Geo. Hall for Joseph Ogden's ... | 1 | 6 |
| Widow Winterbottom ... | 1 | 6 | Mr. Thos. Clows ... | 3 | 0 |
| Joseph Jackson ... | 1 | 3 | Mr. Russel ... | 1 | 6 |
| Widow France ... | 1 | 3 | Mr. Birch in Deansgate ... | 1 | 6 |
| Samuel Leah, Mr. Goodyear ... | 1 | 3 | Mr. Croxton of Manch ^r | | |
| Thomas Barrow ... | 1 | 3 | Mr. Johnson ... | 1 | 0 |
| Mr. James Gorton... .. | 1 | 3 | Thos. Hall ... | 1 | 0 |
| Joseph Scholfield ... | 1 | 3 | | | |
| Widow Hulton ... | 1 | 6 | | | |
| Samuel Sandiford ... | 1 | 6 | | | |
| Mrs. Brookes ... | 1 | 0 | | | |
| | | | In all, ... | <u>£7</u> | <u>10 6</u> |

About 1818 the Rev. Thos. Gaskell regulated these rates and earned the thanks of his parishioners.

There are preserved at the Manchester Free Reference Library, two small oblong books, which contain the Newton Chapel Rates for 1819 and for 1837.

The whole rate standing for collection in 1819 was £673 16s. 4*d.*, and the amount uncollected was, viz:—

| | <i>£</i> | <i>s.</i> | <i>d.</i> |
|-------------------|-------------|-----------|------------|
| Newton | 22 | 15 | 0 |
| Droylsden | 27 | 13 | 6½ |
| Failsworth | 41 | 19 | 0 |
| Moston | 36 | 17 | 0 |
| Bradford | 11 | 13 | 4 |
| Total | <u>£140</u> | <u>17</u> | <u>10½</u> |

These books would have had an increased value if they had

identified the individuals by a more particular description of the property assessed than "Bgs." for buildings, and "Ld." for land.

There were, for Newton, 272 old Assessments, and 60 for New Erections.

The owners or occupiers over £30 were :—

NEWTON.

| Occupier. | Owner. | Annual Value. |
|--|--|---------------|
| | | £ |
| Aspell, James | Bgs. Jno. Etock | 50 |
| Allen and Ireland | Bgs. Dr. Thorp | 100 |
| Armitage, Betty | Bgs. Dr. Mitchell | 30 |
| Ainsworth, David | Dr. Thorpe | 100 |
| Brown, John | Jas. Greene, Esq. | 75 |
| Bamford, Thos. [Chew, attorney, interlined] | Thos. Bamford | 60 |
| Bellott, Henry [cancelled and Sam. Cheetham interlined] | Grace Mayo | 80 |
| Booth, Willey | W. Booth | 50 |
| Brown, James | Mr. Johnson | 40 |
| Barker, Jos ^h | Jos ^h . Barker | 40 |
| Bamford, Thos. | Thos. Bamford | 55 |
| Barker, Jos ^h | Rev. Jos. Gatchiffe | 60 |
| Briscoe, Abraham | L ^d ; Arthur Holt | 60 |
| Cheetham, Sam ^l . [interlined] ... | Grace Mayo | 80 |
| Croft, Thos. [Hardy, Wm., sub- stituted] | Mrs. Mayo | 40 |
| Caldwell, Ellen | Mrs. Whitaker | 80 |
| Etock, Jno. | Jno. Etock | 20 |
| Fildes, Jos ^h | L ^d ; Edwd. Greaves, Esq. ... | 80 |
| Goodier, Jno. | Jno. Goodier... .. | 14 |
| Goodier, Betty | L ^d ; Jno. Goodier | 40 |
| Gardner, Thos. | L ^d ; Mrs. Alexander... .. | 46 |
| Grimshaw, Jos ^h | J. Grimshaw | 100 |
| Gagg, Jos ^h | Jas. Holland | 63 |
| Holt, Arthur | Mill and Brewery, own ... | 20 |
| Hulton, Jas. | W. E. Greaves, Esq.... .. | 160 |
| Haigh, David | Dr. Mitchell | 40 |
| Hulme, Otho | O. Hulme | 300 |
| Hulme, late Jas. Keen | O. Hulme | 105 |
| Hardy, Wm. | Mrs. Mayo | 40 |

| Occupier. | Owner. | Annual Value. |
|---|---|---------------|
| Ireland, Sam ^l | S. Taylor, Esq. | £ 30 |
| Ireland, Sam ^l . [Isherwood, Hugh, interlined] | Jas. Holland | 25 |
| Joule, Wm. | L ^d and B.; Wm. Joule | 425 |
| Ireland, Thos. [Wm. Mersey, interlined] | Jas. Aspell | 40 |
| Isherwood, Hugh | Jas. Holland | 150 |
| James, Thomas | Thos. Haythorn | 40 |
| Keymer, Robt. | L ^d ; R. Keymer | 150 |
| Knight, Thos.... | T. Knight | 180 |
| Lings, Jos ^h | Jno. Chorlton | 60 |
| Massey, Wm. [interlined] ... | Jas. Aspell | 40 |
| Mayoh, Grace [Hadderton, Wm., interlined] | Grace Mayo | 30 |
| Mayoh, Wm. | Wm. Mayo | 20 |
| Murray, Adam | L ^d ; Edwd. Greaves, Esq., H. Duckworth | 120 |
| Nash, Sebastian | Seb ⁿ . Nash | 200 |
| Pickering, Wm. | L ^d ; Mr. Broadman | 80 |
| Scudamore, Chas. | L ^d ; Philip Houghton | 45 |
| Smith, Jas. | Dr. Mitchell | 70 |
| Siddall, Jno. | Jno. Siddall | 70 |
| Scholes, Jas. | Richd. Mason | 60 |
| Tetlow, Jas. | L ^d ; Edwd. Greaves | 40 |
| Todd, Thos. | Mr. Barker | 127 |
| Todd and Hough | Mr. Barker | 160 |
| Waterworth, Jno. [Garner, Tho., interlined] | L ^d ; Mrs. Alexander... .. | 54 |
| Walter, Jas. | Jane Harding | 60 |
| Wild, Thos. | Mr. Rowland | 30 |
| Wright, R ^d ., and Miss Walters | Mr. Craven | 30 |
| Whitby, Robt.... | Thos Haythorn | 70 |
| Wilde, Daniel | Dr. Wilde | 50 |
| Wood, Wm. | Jas. Ackers, Esq. | 100 |
| Walsh, Elioner | Edwd. Greaves, Esq.... .. | 40 |
| Walsh, Elioner | Mrs. Walsh | 100 |
| Walsh, Elioner | Dr. Mitchell | 50 |
| Wright, Richd. | Mr. Craven | 60 |
| New Erections. | | |
| Fildes, Jno. | Jos ^h . Fildes | 30 |

FAILSWORTH.

(464 Old Assessments, 13 New Erections).

| Occupier. | Owner. | Annual Value. |
|--|--|---------------|
| Atkinson, Elizth. | Ho. — Greene | £ |
| Allen, Chas. | Jas. Whitehead [cancelled] and own substituted | 40 |
| Barrow, Wm. | Own | 43 |
| Barrow, Wm. | Greene's L ^d [land] | 29 |
| Booth, Betty | Own | 42 |
| Booth, Betty | L ^d ; Cooke's | 14 |
| Barrow John | L ^d ; W. Barrow | 22 |
| Berry, Robt. | Rothwell & Kenworthy | 20 |
| Barrett, Chas. | Ho. and L ^d ; Greene | 64 |
| Barrett, James... .. | Geo. Smith | 120 |
| Barratt, Joseph, interlined ¹ ... | Mr. Nicholls, Dog and partrd [partridge] | 38 |
| Berry, Jas. | Miss Marriott | 16 |
| Charlesworth, Thos. | L ^d ; Greene's... .. | 24 |
| Clough, Jas. [Chas. Watson subst ^d .] | L ^d ; Sam ^l Hobson | 30 |
| Farrar, Jos ^h | L ^d ; Cooke | 60 |
| Grimshaw, Sam ^l | Geo. Hadfield | 36 |
| Grimshaw, Sam ^l | L ^d ; Hadfield... .. | 18 |
| Grimshaw, Sam ^l , p. Lancashire, Joseph | L ^d ; Hadfield [whole item can- celled] | 60 |
| Hobson, Sam ^l | Jno. Hobson | 24 |
| Hordern, Rev. J. | Geo. Hadfield | 50 |
| Holt, Jno. [Whitehead, Wm. substituted] | Greene | 100 |
| Hulton, Jno. | L ^d ; Sarah Harrop | 24 |
| | | 30 |

¹ Mr. Harland in *Manchester Collectanea* (Chetham Soc., vol. lxviii, p. 246) states that Mr. William Barratt of Dob Lane, Newton Heath, who was not related to Thomas Barritt of Manchester, saddler and antiquary (who died in 1820), bought from Mr. Barritt's widow (she died in 1825) a manuscript vol. of notes relating to persons named Barritt or Barratt. At Mr. Wm. Barratt's death it passed to his brother Joseph afterwards of Sale, who lent it to Mr. Harland. The name of Wm. Barratt does not occur in the Newton Chapel Rate Book of 1819 amongst either the Newton or Failsworth entries, but there was a Joseph Barratt in Newton occupying a £4 cottage belonging to Mr. Keymer, and a Joseph Barrett had apparently in 1819 superseded John Bradbury as tenant of the Dog and Partridge in Failsworth owned by Mr. Nicholls.

| Occupier. | Owner. | Annual Value. |
|---|--|----------------|
| Knott, Danl. | L ^d ; Greene's... .. | £ 29 |
| Lancashire, Jos ^h | L ^d ; Greaves | 18 |
| Lancashire, Jos ^h , [interlined] | Hadfield | 24 |
| Lees, Samuel | Newton | 90 |
| Nash, Sebastian | Ho. and Bleachworks ... | 154 |
| Nash, Sebastian | L ^d ; Greene | 90 |
| Nash, Sebastian | House | 20 |
| Ogden, Thos. [Wm. Booth substituted] | Own [John Ogden substituted] | 25 |
| Ogden, Thos. | L ^d ; G. Smith | 40 |
| Ogden, Thos. [John subst ^d] ... | Own | 24 |
| [Worrall, Wm., inserted] ... | Rev. Mr. Hall | 36 |
| Ogden, Thos. [Wm. Worrall substituted] | L ^d ; Rev. Mr. Hall | 24 |
| Ogden, Jos ^h | L ^d ; Greene | 32 |
| Ogden, Jos ^h | L ^d ; own | 8 |
| Ogden, Thos. | L ^d ; Greene | 30 |
| Occleshaw, — | Ho. Geo. Smith | 40 |
| Ogden, Jas. | H. and L ^d ; Mr. Mellor ... | 47 |
| Ogden, Jno. | Kirkman | 23 |
| Parkinson, Geo. | L ^d ; Greaves | 60 |
| Paulden, Mr. | L ^d ; own | 30 |
| Ryder, Peter [interlined] ... | Sir Watts Horton | 60 |
| Shorrock, Charles [Ryder, Peter, substituted] | L ^d ; Sir Watts Horton ... | 60 |
| Schofield, Jno. | L ^d ; J. Hobson | 2 ¹ |
| Smith, Geo. [interlined] ... | Newton's [Mellors substit ^d] ... | 5 |
| Smith, Luke | Unsworth Chapel | 31 |
| Worrall, Wm. | Rev. Mr. Hall | 36 |
| Worrall, Wm. | Rev. Mr. Hall | 24 |
| Worswick, Rich ^d | L ^d ; Greene's... .. | 89 |
| Worrall, Wm. | Own | 12 |
| Worrall, Wm. | Jno. Taylor | 31 |
| Worsup, Benj ⁿ | Jno. Nash | 33 |
| Worswick, R ^d | L ^d ; Green | 26 |
| Walmsley, Thos. | Rev. Mr. Hordern | 34 |
| Whitehead, Jno. | Black Horse, own | 25 |
| Worswick, R ^d | L ^d ; Greene's... .. | 28 |

¹ "School on Sunday" is written in the observation column against this item, but it relates possibly to the Smith item which is an interlineation.

Chapel Rate.

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DROYSDEN.

(258 Old Assessments, no New Erections).

MOSTON.

(88 Old Assessments, no New Erections).

BRADFORD (6 Assessments.)

| | £ |
|--|-----|
| Bottomley, Jas. (Ho. and L ^d) | 42 |
| Bradford Colliery Co. | 250 |
| Porter, Jos ^h | 28 |
| Porter, Thos.... | 100 |
| Rider, Jno. | 80 |
| Scholes, Mrs. | 70 |

The Chapel Rate Book of 1837 is arranged differently, apparently by Streets or Roads topographically, and groups the ownerships so that it would be possible perhaps to identify each property. The Rate was 4d. in the £, and the assessments of £50 and upwards were :—

NEWTON.

| Occupier. | Owner. | Annual Value. |
|----------------------------|--|---------------|
| Betty Aspell | Edmund Craycroft | £ 50 |
| Betty Aspell | Edmund Craycroft | 20 |
| John Roberts | Exors. of G. Mayo | 80 |
| Joseph Gagg | Mr. Holland | 63 |
| Booth & Suir | Miss Whittaker | 80 |
| Hugh Isherwood | Mr. Holland | 175 |
| James Scholes... .. | Mr. Mason | 60 |
| Thomas Davis... .. | Mary Bealey... .. | 300 |
| Mary Houlten... .. | Exors. of Edw ^d . Greaves ... | 160 |
| Joshua Woodhead | John Rigg | 60 |
| Collinson & Simpson | Massey & Yates | 45 |
| Mrs. Bowman | Dr. Ward | 25 |
| James Walters... .. | Hanah Walters | 42 |
| James Walters... .. | Hanah Walters | 60 |

| Occupier. | | | Owner. | | | Annual Value. |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|----------------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| | | | | | | £ |
| James Sandiford | ... | ... | James Sandiford | ... | ... | 60 |
| James Sandiford | ... | ... | James Sandiford | ... | ... | 60 |
| John Roe | ... | ... | Thos. Henthorn | ... | ... | 110 |
| George Grimshaw | ... | ... | J. Grimshaw Exor. | ... | ... | 100 |
| Betty Pilkington | ... | ... | George Clay | ... | ... | 50 |
| George Howles | ... | ... | Betty Aspell | ... | ... | 40 |
| Betty Aspell | ... | ... | Betty Aspell | ... | ... | 30 |
| Robert Lees | ... | ... | Nancy Booth | ... | ... | 50 |
| J. E. Hughes | ... | ... | John Thorp | ... | ... | 100 |
| Thomas Ireland | ... | ... | John Thorp | ... | ... | 100 |
| William Wellock | ... | ... | Mrs. Hulme | ... | ... | 105 |
| Henry Bennett [Cowburn substituted] | | | R. Bennett | ... | ... | 70 |
| Geo. Ashton | ... | ... | Eleanor Welsh | ... | ... | 100 |
| Joshua Wood | ... | ... | Mr. Ackers | ... | ... | 100 |
| Moses Gredwell | ... | ... | Edward Greaves | ... | ... | 50 |
| | | | Factory | ... | ... | 130 |
| | | | New End | ... | ... | 65 |
| | | | Factory | ... | ... | 50 |
| Joseph Leng | ... | ... | Joseph Leng | ... | ... | 60 |
| James Hyde | ... | ... | Miss Green | ... | ... | 75 |
| Joseph Todd | ... | ... | Robert Bennett | ... | ... | 127 |
| Joseph Todd | ... | ... | Robert Bennett | ... | ... | 160 |
| Joseph Todd | ... | ... | Robert Bennett | ... | ... | 150 |
| Thos. Lancashire | ... | ... | Geo. Garner | ... | ... | 60 |
| John Webster | ... | ... | John Webster | ... | ... | 120 |
| John Rigg | ... | ... | John Rigg | ... | ... | 80 |
| John Rigg | ... | ... | John Rigg | ... | ... | 100 |
| Joseph Fildes | ... | ... | Exors. of E. Greaves | ... | ... | 80 |
| | | | A. Brisco | ... | ... | 50 |
| | | | A. Brisco | ... | ... | 90 |
| John Siddall | ... | ... | John Siddall | ... | ... | 70 |
| Thos. Knight | ... | ... | Thos. Knight | ... | ... | 59 |
| Wm. Crisp | ... | ... | Thos. Knight | ... | ... | 91 |
| Hudson & Travis | ... | ... | Thos. Knight | ... | ... | 92 |
| Thos. Knight | ... | ... | Thos. Knight | ... | ... | 180 |
| | | | Thos. Knight | ... | ... | 199 |

Total year's Assessment for Newton, £164 19s. 6d.; Arrears, £38 10s. 7d.; Losses, £7 5s. 8d.

FAILSWORTH.

| Occupier. | Owner. | Annual Value. |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|
| | | £ |
| John Morris | John Hobson | 50 |
| Mr. Haywood | Heywood | 100 |
| Chas. Mills | Heywood | 60 |
| Mr. Meller | Edw ^d . Greaves | 60 |
| Thos. Walmesley | Thos. Walmesley | 90 |
| Matthew Brown | Frere & Hoare ¹ | 162 |
| Wm. Barrow | Wm. Barrow | 29 |
| Wm. Barrow | Frere & Hoare | 42 |
| Wm. Collinson... .. | G. & J. Smith | 6 |
| Wm. Collinson... .. | G. & J. Smith | 38 |
| Wm. Collinson... .. | G. & J. Smith | 67 |
| Joseph Taylor | John Hobson | 60 |
| James Gee & Sons | Gee & Sons | 289 |
| Joseph Ogden... .. | James Paulden | 48 |
| James Ogden | George Ridehalgh | 47 |
| James Greaves | Mr. Rothwell | 64 |
| Charles Barratt, Esq. | Frere & Hoare | 90 |
| John Crossley | Frere & Hoare | 70 |
| | Sebastian Nash | 50 |
| S. Nash | Land | 154 |
| New End | | 30 |
| Saml. Dunster | Exors. of E. Greaves... .. | 65 |
| James Worrall... .. | Joseph Nall | 60 |

Total year's Assessment for Failsworth, £101 12s. 4d.; Arrears, £42 7s. 4d.; Losses, £6 1s. 10d.

[Droylsden and Moston follow, but are here omitted.]

¹ By a partition Deed dated October 31, 1770, the Clayton, Droylsden, Failsworth and Newton property passed to Alice wife of Adam Bland and sister of Edwd. Chetham, barrister, who died February, 1769, and was second cousin of Humphrey Chetham who died without issue July, 1749, and was brother of Samuel Chetham who died March 20, 1744-5, aged 68.

Mrs. Bland's only child, Mary, married Mordecai Greene, merchant. Their sole issue was James, who married Ann Brigstock, was M.P. for Arundel, and died in 1814, leaving five daughters his co-heiresses. (1) Mary Ann wife of Edward Frere, Esq.; (2) Arabella Penlope Eliza wife of Peter Richard Hoare, Esq., banker; (3) Charlotte wife of E. W. Seymour, Esq.; (4) Angelina Frances wife of Geo. Matthew Hoare, Esq.; and (5) Anna Sophia. (Higson's *Droylsden*, p. 44).

BRADFORD.

| Occupier. | | | Owner. | | | Annual Value. |
|-----------------|-----|-----|-----------------|-----|-----|---------------|
| James Bottomley | ... | ... | Lady Hoghton... | ... | ... | £ 14 |
| John Wood | ... | ... | Lady Hoghton .. | ... | ... | 50 |
| Isaac Wood | ... | ... | Lady Hoghton... | ... | ... | 50 |
| Wm. Carruthers | ... | ... | Wm. Carruthers | ... | ... | 50 |

Total year's Assessment £18 2s. 2½d., and there were 74 Assessments.

CUSTOMS.

THE inhabitants of old were prone to superstition, says Mr. Higson in his *MS.*, p. 40. Many were the places alleged to be infested with ghosts, boggarts, and other supernatural appearances.¹

Some persons dreaded passing the chapelyard at nights. The belief in charms and other samples of folk lore are still to be met with amongst the aged.

Newton and Failsworth folk were fond of festivities of various kinds at Christmas, Easter, Whitsuntide, and the annual Wakes. Mummings prevailed at Christmas, pace-egging preceded Easter, with liftings of both men and women. The Wakes were a notable holiday when the Rushcarts went in procession, and there were bull baits, dancing, and race running. Winter was devoted to football and other invigorating athletic games. (Higson, *MS.*, p. 40).

At funerals, wreaths of rushes plaited with rosemay and yew were carried in front and placed on the coffin. (*Manchester Courier Local Gleanings*, vol. i., p. 53).

¹ The late Jo. Miller, in *All Saints' Parish Magazine*, Sept., 1874, states that a moist part of Back Lane, near Rose Hill, was believed to be haunted by Jennie Greenteeth who guarded some buried treasure, and when John Ravenscroft in 1842 found some old coins buried near Rose Hill, about three feet below the surface, he was so afraid of Jennie's wrath that he would not pass that part of the Common after dark without some one with him.

RUSHBEARING AND WAKES.

IN olden times Newton Chapel had merely a clay floor, and rushes were spread to keep the worshippers' feet warm. These much-trampled rushes were cleared out once a year, and fresh rushes were strewn in their place.

This renewal took place between the hay and corn harvest. The day for it became a fixed holiday. At Newton the Wakes from time immemorial were held on the Sunday after August 18, the Rushbearing taking place on the Friday before that Sunday.

The Rushcart was supplied in turn by Newton, Failsworth, Moston, and Droylsden, which together constituted the reputed Chapelry.

Elijah Ridings, a native poet of Failsworth, wrote the *Village Festival*, from which the following is quoted :—

“There is a merry, happy time,
To grace with all this simple rhyme ;
There is a jovial, joyous hour
Of mirth and jollity in store :—
The Wakes, the Wakes, the jocund Wakes !
My wand’ring mem’ry now forsakes
The present busy scenes of things,
Erratic, upon fancy’s wings,
For olden times with garlands crown’d,
And rushcarts green on many a mound.
Behold the strong-limbed horses stand,
The pride and boast of English land ;
Fitted to move in shafts or chain,
With plaited, glossy tails and manes ;
Their proud heads each a garland bear
Of quaint devices, suns and stars,
And roses, ribbon-wrought, abound ;
The silver plate one hundred pounds,¹
With green boughs the cart is crown’d,
The strong gaunt horses shake the ground.”

In the procession, which accompanied the Rushcart, first came the “Old Fool” grotesquely attired, with a broom in his hand with which he cleared a passage for the pageant. Next

¹ Silver plate was usually displayed in front of the Rushcart.

came the Chapel Garland, born by men proud of their office, and in all the finery they could procure. Then came a band of music playing "The Morris Dance," and other suitable tunes, with some dozen or twenty couple of dancers following, decorated from head to foot with silk ribbons of the gayest colours and other rustic finery. After them came, amidst much cracking of whips and huzzahing of the populace, the Rushcart drawn by four picked horses, with poseys or garlands attached to their bridles.

The procession perambulated the Chapelry and then halted at the Chapel door, where the cart was dismantled. The plate was restored to its proud lenders, and the Chapel Garland was carefully carried into the Chapel and fixed on the northern side to the end of one of the roof beams. These beams projected between the windows, and were used solely for the Garlands which the four townships furnished in rotation.

The pyramid of rushes, with which the cart was laden, was "teemed down" and then carried into the Chapel, where willing hands soon spread them over the floor.

Thus closed the Friday's performance.

On the Sunday—the Wakes Sunday as it was always called—the Morris Dancers, arrayed in all their finery, attended the Chapel, and a sermon was preached appropriate to the occasion.

Mr. Percival, in *Failsworth Folk*, p. 26, describes the Morris Dancers as weaver lads in breeches of blue or crimson plush, knotted with gaily coloured ribbons, white stockings, and equally snow white shirts, girded by sashes of silk, the work of their own looms, wearing hats of straw, and waving gaudy coloured thrums from their looms to several tunes, of which one was reported to be the original peculiar strain, brought, according to tradition, with the dance from Scotland by two brothers named Morris.

On August 25, 1845, the Rushcart was drawn by twelve horses (Higson *MS.*, p. 97). In August, 1875, Joe Miller of Church Street, Newton Heath, sent to *Manchester Courier*

Local Gleanings (vol. i, p. 55-6) an account of this rushbearing, the village wakes being then held. His account appeared also in the *All Saints', Newton Heath, Parish Magazine*, August, 1874. He says:—According to tradition it was a harvest feast in the days of old before rushcarts were brought to the Chapel. Since 1830 the wakes began on Sunday instead of beginning on the Friday following the Sunday after August 18 [*sed vide ante*]. In 1793 the rushes built in a wagon were drawn by eight powerful sumptailed horses from Clayton Hall, John Wall the farmer at the Hall coming with it and bringing his best pitchers, crackers and rakers to unload it. After parading the township he exclaimed: "Clayton Hall brought the first rushcart to this chapel, and this day has brought the largest ever built in the four townships, and the bonniest lot of dancers who ever crossed the morris round this blessed old temple." The Newton women thereupon vowed they would sew their fingers to the bone rather than run second. Anthony Welch of Warden House Farm bought horses at a good price. He had one hundred for his farm. His wife sent her favourite, the Grey Duke, which was supposed to be the finest animal in Lancashire, "as strong as an elephant and as gentle as a lamb." She used to stroke his mane and say: "Eh! Duke! with the exception of man thou'rt God's own choice." Billy Green, a famous horseman, tended the horse, and to the great triumph of the villagers, when the rushes were fully built on the wagon, which had its wheels in sunken holes to steady it during the building, Duke drew the wagon out without help. Old Mally o' Cheethams sent specially to London for bows and flowerets to dress her Robin's hat with; and Jenny of the Warden House Cottage kept her thumb nail lapped up for a month to crimp her Billy's ruffled shirt, she was so feared of spoiling the edge of the nail; and Phœbe of the Dean Farm took Billy's breeches to the [St. Ann's] Square [Manchester], to have them laced with blue ribbons and bows down the side. All the lasses of the village were as busy as bees making bows, getting up fine shirts, and tying white

handkerchiefs with ribbons to dance with. Above a thousand bows had to be netted in the Parish Garland, and the crown on the top was made out of "butterflies' wings and peacocks' feathers," and was carried in front by the warden of the parish. Old Susey of the Scutch used to say on Wakes Sunday, when all the dancers were there in their ribbons, and the horse's garlands were fixed round the pulpit, and the four Parish Wreaths hung on the side wall, she was sure the old Chapel was as pretty as heaven.

Old Billy of the Thatch left it in his Will that his silver watch was never to be sold out of the family, but was to be put on the rushcart sheet every time it was Newton turn; and old Granny of Dick's would let nobody but herself sew her silver spoons on the sheet for fear of having them scratched or not made fast enough.

On several occasions two beautiful carts were brought at the same time.

In 1845 Failsworth brought a very fine one, drawn by twelve horses mounted with juvenile riders; and in 1872 Moston brought one, and they danced the morris three times over.

The great promoters from 1800 to 1875 were the Fildes, Welches, Tetlows, Briscoes, Browns, Simisters, Hardys, Highams, Harrisons, Pollitts, Hulmes, Whittakers, Bates, Mills, Woods and Haslams. (Joe Miller in *Manchester Courier Local Gleanings*, vol. i., pp. 55-6).

The last of the Failsworth rushbearings was about 1852, when twelve magnificent horses drew the cart, each mounted by a postilion, and escorted by forty-eight dancers. In former days, according to Ben Brierley, Tom Etchells stood unrivalled in building the rushcart, and Sam Simister regulated the morris dance with the sound of a bell and stentorian shouts of "backward and forward three times over." Sam was the township bellman. A picture of the Failsworth festival hung for many years in the Waggon and Horses at Hollinwood.

OCCUPATIONS.

THE general characteristic of the natives of the Newton Chapelry District is a slowness of speech, which is most marked in those of Failsworth. They speak with drawling intervals, reflecting the impression on the minds of generation after generation of hand-loom weavers of the rhythmic throw of the shuttle and movement of their treddles, with the perpetual sound of

Nicketty—Nacketty—
Monda' com'—Saturda'.¹

In appearance they have a remarkable resemblance to one another, due to centuries of interbreeding. They may be said to be as like one another as hounds in a pack. The features are rugged, and the expression is solemn, but with keenly observant eyes, due to constant alertness to detect flaws in the "cuts."

Their stolidity is, however, only surface deep. It would take a smart Yankee to get the better of one at a bargain; and the nature of their employment, though in a way monotonous, has required the exercise of all their senses, and has led to a great power of concentration and a thirst for knowledge.

About 1579 a large number of exiles from the Low Countries settled in and near Manchester, and in 1675 the weaver's improved loom was brought from Holland to England. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 88).

As to weaving, in the seventeenth century there was an extensive linen trade in Manchester. The yarn was imported from Ireland and Holland, and was woven by persons in the country. The weavers employed their wives and children to

¹ Ben Brierley in *The Weaver of Wellbrook*, which appeared in the *Chronicles of Waverlow*, gives as his chorus—

Wi' mi pickers an' pins,
An' mi wellers to th' shins,
Mi linderins, shuttle, and yeald-hook—
Mi treddles an' sticks,
Mi weight ropes and bricks,
What a life! said the wayver o' Wellbrook.

spin cotton by single yarns. This yarn was poor, but sufficient for the weft or transverse thread of the web, the warp or longitudinal thread was of flax. Weaving was at that time coupled with agricultural work, and when the web was finished it was taken to Manchester for sale, or for payment of wages as the case might be.

Till about 1767, when Hargraves' jinny was invented, a wheel, which spun a single thread more quickly than the distaff, was the best machine known. (*Lancs. and Ches. Historic Soc.*, vol. ii., p. 118).

In 1751 the Warden and Fellows claimed yearly four pence from every inhabitant making or weaving by himself or apprentices or servants any goods for every loom, as a *modus*, in lieu of the tithes of their gains from the art of weaving, and evidence was given that in 1745 a loom was set up by James Barnes for weaving flowered cottons, otherwise cotton velvets, the first loom of the kind having been set up in Bolton about two years earlier; and between twenty-eight and thirty years before, a sprigg loom was set up by John Pendleton of Long Millgate for weaving ribbon sprigg of linen and worsted yarn and flowered. (42nd Report of Deputy Keeper of the Public Records, pp. 257-8; Cheth. Soc., vol. 21, NS., p. 239, *note*.)

In 1731 an Act was passed to prevent stealing linen, fustian, and other wares from fields where they were whitening or drying.¹

About 1740 Manchester merchants began to give out to weavers warps and raw cotton, paying for carding, roving, spinning and weaving. A weaver took a fortnight to weave a piece containing 12 lb. of 18*d.* weft, and received 18*s.*; for spinning the weft 9*d.* per lb.; and for picking, carding and roving 8*s.* (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 88).

¹ On September 15, 1798, Geo. Russell was hanged on Newton Heath for croft breaking (stealing linen, etc., from fields where they are whitening or drying) at Sharrock's Bleach Croft, Scotland Bridge, Manchester, and he was afterwards buried at Blackley Church. (Higson's *Droylsden*, p. 82). Several hundred pounds worth of yarn were stolen from Peter Shawcross of Droylsden, who was instrumental in transporting two persons for the same offence. (*op. cit.*, p. 82).

In 1790 Robert Grimshaw of Gorton House, Gorton, started at Knott Mill, Manchester, a weaving factory with thirty looms worked by steam. This kind of loom was invented by the Rev. Dr. Cartwright of Kent about 1785. Mr. Grimshaw received many threats that his mill would be destroyed, and a few weeks after it was started it was burnt to the ground, and power looms were not reintroduced again to Manchester until 1806. (Higson's *Gorton*, p. 118).

Mr. Higson, in the introduction to his *Gorton Historical Recorder*, p. 11, speaks of the "golden days before the French war, when the rent, coal and meat were all low and cheap, and when there was plenty of work and folk were well paid for doing it"; and adds that in those days each farmer had a loom-house connected with his house, where the female part of the family, and some of the males, and numerous apprentices, spent their time in weaving.

Waugh, in *Roads out of Manchester* (p. 390), narrates of old John Ashworth, who lived at "Mushroom Hall," on the northern border of Hollinwood Common, that he was brought up on the Moston side of Chadderton, and at the end of the French war old "Nanny o' mi' Lords" and her daughter, who lived at the Turf Lane End wove their goods, known as "shutter go down," for old "Nim at th' Dob Lone," which were three shuttled, six red and six blue, yard wide, and paid for at the rate of eighteen yards for a shilling, and two shuttled eighteen yards for nine pence. The daughter could weave a shilling cut in a day, working hard, and the old woman a ninepenny cut when she was well enough, and they had to live on thin porridge, and often they had to make shift with "heps and haigs" or thicken the porridge with nettles.

About 1790, amongst the principal employers of the handloom weavers were Irwin of Newton Heath, and Thos. Knight of Crowcroft, Kirkmanshulme. (Higson's *Droylsden*, p. 94). About 1812, Samuel, son of John Travis of Droylsden, began weaving silk plush for hats, and in a few years other masters

began, including Messrs. Todd and Ashworth of Newton Heath. (*op. cit.*, p. 97).

Silk weaving was introduced in the latter part of the eighteenth century into Failsworth and Newton. (Fielding *Hist. Gleanings*, p. 153). In the early part of that century bleaching linen yarn was prevalent. It declined about 1776, and cotton hand-loom weaving began to increase.

The reduction of wages for cotton weaving in 1807 and 1808 led to riots and turnouts. In May, 1808, the weavers of Manchester, Newton and other places visited Blackley and collected the shuttles to stop work, and carried the pieces unfinished back to the warehouses in Manchester.

On May 24 and 25, 1808, the turnout weavers met on St. George's Field, near Miles Platting, and on the second day the Riot Act was read, the military cleared the ground, killing one and wounding several. It was on this occasion that Joseph Hanson, a cotton manufacturer living at Strangeways Hall, with a warehouse in Manchester, an employer of many weavers in the neighbourhood, and late Lieut.-Col. of the Loyal Masonic Volunteer Rifle Corps, addressed the weavers sympathetically and declined to leave the ground. He was indicted, and in March, 1809, was convicted of encouraging the weavers to hostile proceedings. On May 12, he was fined £100 and sentenced to six months' imprisonment. He declined the weaver's offer to pay the fine, and they subscribed 39,600 pennies (£165), for a silver cup which was presented to him in token of their gratitude. He died Sept. 7, 1811, aged 37 years, and was interred in the Unitarian burial ground at Stand, Pilkington. (Fielding's *Hist. Gleanings*, pp. 14-17 ; Axon's *Manchester Annals*).

In May, 1836, there were in Newton eighty-four male and fifty-eight female (total 142) "hands" employed in the cotton manufacture. There was one silk mill employing 148 males and 322 females (total 476). Silk and cotton hand-loom weaving also prevailed in the Township. (Higson *MS.*, p. 80).

In 1852, Mr. Fielding, *Rural Hist. Gleanings*, p. 145, says that

the throwing mill of Taylor, Pearson, Harrop & Co., erected in 1826, and enlarged in 1832, was one of the most extensive in the country and upwards of ten thousand persons were dependent upon it. There were over 23,000 spindles, and over 800 persons engaged in the various processes. Over 1,500 lbs. of silk were thrown per week, and the Company employed four other firms in throwing.

In 1824 Mr. Pearson, then of the firm of Taylor & Pearson of Manchester, brought the first Jacquard machine from France to Manchester.

At the great Exhibition of 1851, one of the most valuable pieces of silk woven with a Jacquard loom was produced at Henry Walmsley's Factory in Failsworth. The design required 84,000 pattern cards, and six out of 600 Jacquard looms in the factory. The piece was a table cloth, twelve feet eight inches by seven feet two inches. In the centre was shown the Crystal Palace, the side borders represented Europe, Asia, Africa and America, by a horse, camel, elephant and reindeer, laden with produce proceeding towards Britannia who sat in a state barge holding an olive branch in her right hand. The end borders had the British coat of arms. The colours were gold, green and crimson. Both Harrop, Taylor & Pearson, and Henry Walmsley took prizes at the Exhibition. (Fielding's *Rural Hist. Gleanings*, pp. 145-163).

RIOTS, ETC.

THE marked democratic tendencies of the inhabitants of Newton, and particularly Failsworth, for many centuries, as shown by their participation in riots of various kinds, is no doubt due to the absence of any resident dominant family to guide or control their thoughts and inclinations. Newton was owned by the College of Manchester, but the clergy did not reside there, though there was a "Warden's House." The people for generation after generation were engaged either as yeomen and husbandmen, or as yarn whistlers, bleachers, or

linen weavers, and grew accustomed both to think and act for themselves. They were left to their own devices and were quick to resent intrusions on anything they had grown accustomed to look upon as a right, scorning the introduction of any novelty in their business, and while slow of thought and speech, quick enough to act forcibly upon a resolution once formed, however erroneous its basis.

The neighbourhood of Newton has thus been for centuries a centre of believers in "the Rights of Man," and it is intimately connected with the prologue of Chartism. The disturbance in 1808 has been already mentioned.

The "Blanket Meeting" was held in March, 1817, and the Peter's Field Meeting, commonly called "Peterloo," occurred on August 16, 1819, and Newton and Failsworth were strongly represented on each of these occasions, the drillings which preceded Peterloo taking place close at hand on White Moss in Moston.

SOCIETIES.

THE Newton Heath Botanical Society¹ was established on Feb. 14, 1836, and by the end of 1860 the members were Samuel Barlow, Henry Crowe, James Davenport, Jeremiah Etchells, Richard Roberts, and Edward Yates, and the Society was possessed of a small library. It was thought desirable to alter the name to that of The Manchester Botanists' Association, and this was done at a meeting held at the Dog and Partridge in Newton Heath, on January 13, 1861, when it was also resolved that the old books should remain the property of the old members, who were named in the following order: Davenport, Richards, Crowe, Yates, Etchells, and Barlow. All newly acquired books were, in case of the Society's dissolution, to be

¹ The late Jo. Miller in *All Saints' Parish Magazine*, July, 1874, stated that a Botanical Society met at the old Shears Inn in 1750, and lasted till 1835. At a meeting at the Woodman Inn, Thomas Wild offered a prize for the best collection of native plants, and John Ravenscroft of the Gardeners' Club, which in 1874 still met at the Church Inn, won the prize with one hundred different wild flowers plucked from the Common.

given to some literary or scientific institution, or society connected with the City of Manchester. The subscription was *3d.* a month.

For the year 1861 the officers were:—Richard Buxton, President; Jas. Davenport, Vice-president; Henry Crowe, Treasurer; and Thos. Rogers, who died May 30, 1901, Secretary.

The Association used to meet at the Dog and Partridge in Newton until 1873, when they removed to the Bull's Head in Union Street, Marsh Street, Manchester. Mr. Buxton died in 1865, and was succeeded in the Presidency by Jas. Percival who held the office until his death on August 17, 1902. Mr. Thos. Entwistle, 33 Conran Street, Harpurhey, is now the President. Mr. Wm. Hobson, 192 Rochdale Road, is the present Secretary (Sept., 1903).

The Olive Branch Teetotal Abstinence Society was existing in 1852, and the Newton Heath and Failsworth Band of Hope in April, 1862.

VOLUNTEERS.

ON April 12, 1804, all the Volunteer Corps of Manchester and neighbourhood were reviewed by H.R.H. the Duke of Gloucester, when the Failsworth Pikemen, numbering 192, were commanded by Captain Birch,¹ of Failsworth Lodge, who had raised them. [There was also a Medlock Vale Rifle Corps, Higson's *Droylsden*, p. 153].

In 1806 the Newton and Failsworth Infantry numbered 340 guns, and were commanded by Lieut.-Col. Robert Keymer of Culcheth Hall. Other officers were Thomas Porter,² captain,

¹ His grandson, Mr. Herbert Birch, tells me that these Volunteers attended Newton Chapel just before it fell, and a big beam smashed the pew where the officers had been sitting.

² On the south side of Newton Church is a monument in memory of Charlotte Porter, wife of Thomas Porter of Medlock Lodge, who died March 17, 1842, aged 47; also of Frances Porter of Cledon Hall, Manchester, wife of the late John Porter of Medlock Lodge, who died May 9, 1828, aged 77. Both inscriptions are followed by a few lines of eulogy, and the first by ten lines, ending:—

“O Thou, beyond what verse or speech can tell,
My guide, my solace, my best beloved, farewell!”

who was buried at Newton Church, from Cleyden Hall, on January 2, 1858, aged 71 years; Richard Standing, serjeant, who was clerk and sexton at Newton Church; — Ellick, corporal. These last three were amongst the finest men in the regiment.

It is said that when the regiment was presented with Colours, the recipient acknowledged the gift in the vernacular, thus:—

We receive 'em wi' gratitude :
We'll howd 'em with fortitude :
And when the last rags are shot away,
We'll bring home the pow's
For ye to give us new ones.

When, however, the regiment was disbanded these Colours, a Union Jack and one inscribed "Newton and Failsworth Volunteers," were sent up to London and deposited in the Tower of London. Some years ago they were returned to the Rev. Mr. Hutchinson, on his undertaking their safe custody, and are now hanging in the Church.

Aston's *Manchester Guide*, published in Nov., 1804, stated that the Manchester Rifle Corps commanded by Lieut.-Col. Joseph Hanson, consisted of six companies of fifty men, each furnished at their own expense with uniform of dark green, rifle guns and sabres. There were also four companies of Pikemen attached to the Corps and raised at the expense of four gentlemen, including one from Moston raised by S. Taylor, Esq., but they had resolved not to serve longer as Pikemen, and were to be furnished with rifle guns, etc., and to be more effectually incorporated with the Manchester Rifle Regiment. (*Manchester Collectanea*, Chet. Soc. lxxii., 100).

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